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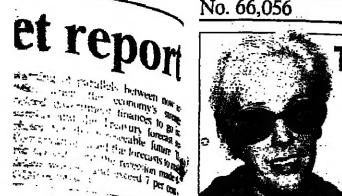
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# Go-ahead for Whitehall sale of assets

By Valerie Elliott, whitehall editor

ALL government departments will be allowed to sell their assets and go into business as commercial enterprises under proposals unveiled by the reasury yesterday.

Alistair Darling, the Treasury Chief Secretary, published a 550-page National Asset Register listing the land, buildings, equipment and art owned by the Government. It gave no overall valuation for the assets, but Treasury sources believed it was at least £300 billion.

From next April departments will be able to sell assets of a maximum single-item value of £100 million and retain the money. The value of total sales for any financial year may not be more than 3 per cent of a department's overall spending and the money can be used only to finance capital spending such as investment in buildings - but not to boost its

current running costs. If departments gamble on a commercial venture by renting out their land, houses or keep the profits. However, Mr Darling said last night that the Government could decide at any time to transfer resources from one department

to another. The register, dubbed the Government Domesday Book", disclosed that Chris Smith, the Culture Secretary, presides over the biggest treasure trove of historic buildings, landmarks and works of art, including the National Gallery, the Government Art Collection, the Royal Parks and the BBC. The department, which admits to a modest 4.75acre landholding north of St Pancras Station in London. also owns five heritage assets:

Trafalgar Square, Apsley House, part of Osborne House, Marble Arch and Wellington Arch. And Mr Smith is responsible for keeping the pigeons off 58 London statues. The Foreign Office owns 136 embassies, 157 ambassadorial residences and 1,054 houses

and flats for diplomats. It also

owns 94 other properties such as tennis courts, garages, guardrooms and stores.
But the report said that the great majority of the Foreign Office's heritage assers were held in 26 major posts where the buildings are of exception-

al historic and architectural There were some surprises in the register. The Defence Ministry owns a church, St. George's at Biggin Hill, south-east London, as well as 709

works of art and 226 antiques. The Scottish Office owns 34 offices and homes, ranging Victoria Quay in Leith, Edinburgh, to a wooden hut at Scorrybreck in Portree. Agriculture has only one

combine harvester and two lawnmowers, but its lack of rural commitment is made up by the Transport Department, which has 165 Old English long-horned cattle.

Among the ideas in Whitehall last night for departmental business interests were museums to exhibit national treasures, an Army theme park, private sports clubs on

government land or more car parks. The Education Department may even publish school textbooks and crammers.

Mr Darling said that the Treasury intended keeping a firm control on all commercial activity and would be maintaining "a watchful eye" on departmental decisions to sell any buildings, land, equipment, furniture or paintings

He said the Government was not about to embark on a sell-off of national treasures and denied he was selling the family silver. He added: This is not a sales catalogue and there are no price tags on individual items. This is an attempt to make it easier for departments to deal with their assets more efficiently, just

He said that the purpose of the register was to be open with the public about the extent of government assets and to allow greater public access to them. There are many heritage items that the Government holds for the all the assets are out in the open, the public can put pressure on ministers to be able to view these assets." He confirmed that ministries would not be selling

Mr Darling accepted that the Treasury had to set an example and that he had already inquired whether the department really needed the use of fork-lift trucks.

anything bequeathed to the



# No mystery cat, but still the hidden paw

By Andrew Pierce, political correspondent

DOWNING Street went to extraordinary lengths yesterday to disprove reports that Humphrey the cat had not been killed off by Cherie Blair but was alive and well in a new home in the suburbs.

Under strict security conditions normally reserved for the Budget one handpicked pher were led, in a cloak-anddagger chase, to the 11-yearold cat's new home with a civil servant and his wife in a south London suburb.

Downing Street's damagelimitation team swung into action after fur began to fly. No 10 was deluged with telephone calls and letters from cat lovers alarmed at the abrupt disappearance on Nov-

ember 13 of Margaret Thatcher's favourite feline. A rare on-the-record state-

ment from Cherie Blair was

rushed out by Downing Street. It not only denied that she had signed the death warrant, but proclaimed her affection for the pet everyone knew she hated.

Having insisted that the namesake of Sir Humphrey Appleby, fictional Permanent Secretary of BBC Television's feline resident when he was pensioned off, Downing Street announced a U-turn yesterday; a replacement has been

The well-oiled government public relations operation, which presided over the shambles of the Formula One affair, came unstuck again. A photocall was staged with the bemused black and white cat who, according to the official version of events, was retired from public life because of

kidney failure, at his new



Cherie Blair appearing in her own defence

home. A daily newspaper would be on display, the date

showing clearly.

But the plan, with its echoes of the John McCarthy and Terry Waite hostage photos. was almost abandoned after a squabble over which newspaper would be used. In the end he posed with half a dozen. Far from looking at death's door, as Downing Street had stated when he was

are completely separate from

those of the so-called Asian

currency crisis," he said. "I

would not like you to make

He insisted Japan could

solve its financial problems

internally, making a distinc-

tion between the world's sec-

ond-largest economy and countries like South Korea

and Thailand, which have had

to ask the International Mone-

such a connection lightly."

sent into exile with basket and favourite toy mouse. Hum-phrey looked a picture of health, prompting renewed suspicion that he was ousted because Mrs Blair could not stand the sight of him. However, one thing has

become clear. The cat, adopted as a stray by Margaret Thatcher in 1989, has been the victim of the only conclusive Street's history. Humphrey. who lived happily under the Thatcher and Major administrations, became incontinent under the new regime — as damp patches on the entrance mat proved.

At yesterday's Downing Street press briefing - a time normally reserved for pressing issues of state - Humphrey's fate dominated proceedings. Many questions were asked. Was he still around or had he gone to the great cattery in the sky? One journalist asked. "How do you respond to speculation that Mrs Blair wanted Humphrey dead ... and someone took this literally?" The reply came: "It's not what happened. It's a lie, a calumny."

To underline the point Mrs Blair, who once cuddled Humphrey to dispel reports that she thought cars unhygienic, said in a statement: The whole family was sorry that Humphrey's failing health meant that he had to retire somewhere quiet away from the heetic pace of life in Downing Street, especially as the children were only just getting to know him."

Should Humphrey have swapped homes? Bob Stevenson, a former officer of the British Veterinary Associ-ation, said: "I am not sure whether a move from the household a cat knows would be high on any ver's agenda if he had kidney failure.

# The stud that Straw runs

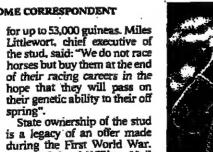
BY RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

EIGHT stallions with an impressive record in siring racetrack winners are the prize assets of the Home Office. A ninth has yet to prove its worth at the National Stud but

hopes are high that Hector Protector will match the impressive record of First Trump and secure a more than 90 per cent success rate in putting mares in foal. . The stallions are either

wholly or parily owned or leased by the National Stud. First Trump, who charges a £4,000 fee for each covering with a mare, is wholly owned by the stud. His first foals sold

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to the nation on condition that it bought his breeding establishment at Tully in Co Until 1943, the British natjonal stud remained in southern Ireland, but after deciding it was impractical to remain there, it was moved to Dorset

In 1916 Colonel William Hall

Walker, later Lord Wavertree,

gave his stud and bloodstock

before finally making its way to Newmarket. In 1963 responsibility for the stud was transferred from the Ministry of Agriculture to the Home Office which has overall responsibility for horse racing and gambling. A committee of inquiry decided that the stud should "stand" only high class stallions and two years later, under the wing of the Horse Race Betting Levy



First Trump: stallion with a superb record

Board, the stud moved to Newmarket and leased 550 acres from the Jockey Club. The stud can board up to 200 mares on a permanent or seasonal basis and it prepares yearling and foals for sale. In addition to breeding, the stud is also involved in providing education and training for students from England and

While the stud is probably the most exotic asset under the control of Jack Straw, the Home Secretary, he also has responsibility for a huge 135 prison estate and secret underground bunkers.

### Hunt curb on ministry land

Hunts have been banned from "digging out" foxes on Ministry of Defence land, the Government announced.

As campaigners began to mobilise for Friday's crucial vote in the House of Commons, John Spellar, the Defence Minister, said that all hunts had been told of the ban on estates owned by the MoD \_\_\_\_\_Page 2

#### Test could cut smear test errors

A computer test for cervical cancer could save the lives of hundreds of women every year and cut the number of incorrect smear test results.

The analysis, which is based on assessing the densi-ty of blood vessels in tissue. could also be developed to give early warning of other

#### Back in touch

His weight and cholesterol are both down and his injured knee recovered but at 51 President Clinton now wears a symbol of advancing age: a pair of hearing aids... Page 15

# Yamaichi chief sobs as firm collapses

By Our Foreign Staff

SOBBING with shame and clear that Japan's problems humiliation, the president of Yamaichi Securities yesterday begged for work for his 7.500 employees, as his firm collapsed with liabilities of \$24 billion (£14.2 billion). "It breaks my heart that the situation has turned out like this," Shohei Nozawa said, choking with emotion as the securities firm marked its 100th birthday by going into liquidation and provoking new concerns about the knockon effect to be felt in other

markets by Japan's economic problems. In London the Financial

50 points in early trading. the Asia-Pacific economic summit Ryutaro Hashimoto,

the Japanese Prime Minister.

insisted that Japan's difficul-

ties were different from the

currency problems elsewhere

in Asia. "I would like to make

Times 100-share index fell 87.2 points to end the day at 4.898.6. In New York the Dow Jones industrial average fell Arriving in Vancouver for

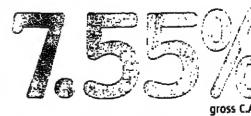
President Clinton and other Pacific Rim leaders pledged to take immediate steps to pre-vent the Asian crisis spreading. But the unfamiliar gloom of

tary Fund for bailouts.

financial turnoil hung over the opening day of the eco-nomic summit which traditionally celebrates the Asian "economic miracle".

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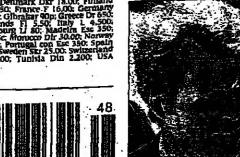
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# Earl Spencer had a dozen affairs, court told



love with another woman.

er's life." He went on: "Within months of the marriage, the plaintiff was unfaithful. There have been a whole series of liaisons thereafter." Mr Gauntlett said that friends of Lady Spencer had informed her, while she was in an eating disorder rehabilitation clinic, that her husband had slept with ten to 12

Lady Spencer, a former model wants the divorce heard in Britain because she believes that she will get a larger settlement.

Her lawyers argued that the couple were both legally domiciled in Britain and therefore the South African court had no rights to decide



FROM INIGO GILMORE IN CAPE TOWN

EARL SPENCER, the brother of Diana, Princess of Wales, had affairs with up to 12 women during his marriage, a court was told

yesterday. He asked his wife, Victoria, for a divorce after calling her into his bathroom while he was having a bath and telling her that he was in

At the hearing in Cape

Town to decide whether the divorce will proceed in a South African or British court, Jeremy Gauntlett. Lady Spencer's lawyer, said: The court will hear that Earl Spencer has led an adulter-

> on a divorce between Continued on page 3, col 3

# Never-Never Land welcomes 'old-age traveller'

Ruislip Northwood) who began the trail which led to the arrival in the chamber of Peter Temple-Morris (Leominster) who sat down on the wrong side. Mr Temple-Morris has left the Tory party and yesterday crossed

Labour staged the event

magnificently.
Mr Wilkinson's question was about refugees. Laurence Robertson (C, Tewkesbury) wanted to put ministers straight we were not talking "about New Age Travellers, but old-age travellers".

At the word "new," Dennis Skinner jerked upright. The unre-constructed Labour MP for Bolsover is everything new Labour

Gallery

charges

likely

to spread

By PHILLP WEBSTER

LABOUR'S hopes of helping

Britain's most prestigious nat-ional museums and galleries

to scrap entry charges are expected to fail because of a

a climbdown from the pledge made by Labour spokesmen

in Opposition that free open-

ing would be a priority in

government. And big national

galleries that allow free entry

are warning the Government

that unless more money is

found they will have no option

Within the next two weeks

money to subsidise free entry.

spending encouraged by Gor-

don Brown, the Chancellor.

Mr Brown, who today

presents his first pre-Budget

gone out of his way to warn ministers that an apparent

improvement in the national

finances does not mean that

they can exceed the budgets

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hate, and the feeling is mutual "New Labour, new traveller." he spat. A bearded wraith of a junior minister, George Howarth, spat back he trusted "old-age traveller" did not mean Skinner.

Hardly. Three months short of his 60th birthday, Peter Temple-Morris, his hair soft and snowywhite as a goose's breast, travelled south across the bar of the House, then travelled west, on to the Labour benches.

A Prime Ministerial Statement had just begun. Drowned by cheers from behind him, Blair grinned maddeningly.

The interruption was no acciwhich he would arrive had been circulating for hours. Temple-Mor-



MATTHEW PARRIS POLITICAL SKETCH

ris knew exactly where to go. As if by miracle, a solid phalanx of Labour MPs opened like the Red Sea to swallow the newcomer into a Temple-Morris-sized gap be-tween Dale Campbell-Savours (Lab, Workington) and Harry Barnes (Lab, Derbys NE). The cheers, and Mr Blair's

merry grin, continued. Shaking hands, Temple-Morris became instantly engrossed in friendly conversation: a chat for which Campbell-Savours seemed prodigiously prepared and from

which neither flagged. The launch of Mr Temple-Morris into his new pond helped the PM off to a fine

Blair was reporting on an EU Jobs Summit triumph in Luxem-bourg. He wore for the occasion a ated like a peacock's tail. The design was auspicious. When sure of his ground, Tony

Blair is now an almost ostentatiously assured performer. Undented by a well-crafted attack from William Hague, Blair handled yesterday's statement with

real poise, batting every objection airily and fluently aside. His timbre, hand-movements - his whole bearing — reek of power. His voice breathes command. It is only that grin still lets him down.

Rereading J.M. Barrie's Peter Pan recently, I was struck by the parallels between Tony Blair and Peter Pan, and between the British public and Peter's number one fan: Wendy. It was Wendy who made a young man of Peter by attaching him to his own shadow . . . ... and now he was jumping

about in the wildest glee. Alas, he had already forgotten that he owed his bliss to Wendy . . . How clever I am,' he crowed rapturously, oh, the cleverness of mer It is humiliating to have to confess that this conceit of Peter was one of his most fascinating qualities. To put it with brutal frankness, there never was a cockier boy. But for the moment, Wendy was

shocked. 'Wendy,' he said, 'don't with-

draw. I can't help crowing when I'm pleased with myself." With Temple-Morris comy behind him, his backbenchers cheering him, the Tories scowling and the press writing it down, our modern Peter Pan couldn't help

His Tinker Bell, the Minister without Portfolio, was nowhere to be seen: Mr Mandelson had flown away to scatter magic dust over crowds of journalists.

ERIK JOHANSEN/REJTE

Courts to

listen to victims on sentences

BC back bown in split ove Sright

Views on sentencing ex-pressed by victims of crime will be passed to the Court of Appeal under reforms announced by the Home Secretary yester-day. Jack Straw outlined measures to improve the consistency of sentencing by the courts, including a new advisory panel which will take account of the views of victims through organisations such as Vic-

tim Support.

The Court of Appeal will also be placed under a new statutory duty to issue sentencing guidelines where appropriate.

#### No inquest

No fatal accident inquiry, Scotland's equivalent to an inquest, will be held into the death of Gordon McMaster, the Labour MP who committed suicide in July, it was announced yesterday. The decision had been taken after consultation with the dead man's family.

#### Church gifts

The Church of England is considering plans to repay student loans taken out by its newly ordained priests. While dioceses refuse to ordain men and women with debts, student loans are not considered by the Church an "impediment

#### Photograph, page 26 Murder charge

Human remains found on a golf course in Stockport last month were those of Jamie Lavis, 8, police disclosed yesterday. Darren Vickers, 27, from Openshaw, Greater Manchester, who has already been charged with the boy's abduction, now faces a murder charge.

#### Green peace

Office plants can help to researchers at the University of Surrey claim. In a study the team found that staff surrounded by greenery showed significantly low-er levels of stress than those surrounded by office

#### Homes go-slow

The growth in house prices has slowed to a 16month low, according to the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors. Only 30 per cent of surveyors questioned reported rising prices, the lowest number since August last year. Average prices rose I per cent in the last quarter.

#### Churchill sale

A black Austin 10, formerly owned by Winston Churchill, sold for £66,400 at a car auction at Sotheby's in London, II times the estimate. The 1938 car, sold by Churchill in 1950, was bought by an unnamed Swiss historical foundation, which plans to put it on show.

#### Mr X identified

A man who lost his memory was named yesterday by one of his four wives. Mr X, who suffered amnesia after being robbed, was told of his identity after his photograph was recognised by dozens of people. Cardiff police confirmed he is Barry Robinson, 47, of Leeds.

# 'Digging out' of foxes banned on MoD property

**HUNTS** have been banned from "digging out" foxes on Ministry of Defence land, the Government announced last

As pro and anti-hunting campaigners began to mobilise for Friday's crucial vote in the House of Commons, John Spellar, the Defence Minister, said that all hunts had been told that the Ministry as the landowner would not allow digging out of foxes on the defence estate.

Chris Smith, the Culture Sec-The Government has upset retary, will announce the reanti-hunting campaigners by sults of an internal review allowing existing hunts to continue on Ministry of Deaimed at improving access to museums and galleries and covering the question of charges. But in what appeared fence land for the time being. although it will grant no new hunting licences. Last night's to be a concerted move to move will please opponents of lower expectations, ministers made clear yesterday that, fox-hunting in the run-up to a irrespective of any statements debate in which they are made by frontbench spokescertain to gain a massive men in Opposition, Labour majority on Friday. Digging out of foxes is regarded by did not promise free entry to critics as one of the most museums and galleries in its objectionable aspects of the election manifesto.

Officials described a state-Although Mike Foster's ment by Mark Fisher, the Arts Wild Mammals (hunting with Minister, in June that "we do Dogs) Bill is not expected to not want anyone to be charged become law because the Goventry to museums and galleries" as an aspiration rather ernment is not granting extra than a plodge that the Governtime for it to go through, there ment would ensure that there would be no charging. A government source said: It is Labour MPs that hunting will inconceivable that the Governpresent Parliament. Ministers may allow an ment could provide all the

amendment to ban hunting on a Government Bill during a It is thought that Mr later parliamentary session or Smith's department would they may back another private have to increase its £200 Member's Bill after they have million museums budget by acted to strip hereditary peers 20 per cent in order to scrap of their voting rights.
The fear of a lengthy concharges - a non-starter in today's austere climate on

frontation with the Lords has discouraged the Government



John Spellar, all hunts have been informed

Foster's Bill. But it now appears to accept that a ban on hunting at some stage during the present Parliament is

Tory leader in the Lords, said

He insisted that the Tories would allow a free vote on the block the move.

Viscount Cranborne, the

yesterday that any Government legislation banning hunting was likely to face stiff opposition if it reached the Lords. There is quite a chance that it would be rejected," he

issue and would not summon any backwoodsmen peers to But he made clear that some peers would be prepared to

fight a hunting ban even if it speeded up the Government's plans to scrap hereditary peers' voting rights. Some will see it as dying in

Lord Cranborne also expressed his own opposition to any hunting ban. It is absolutely outrageous when a ma-

The poster, bearing the slogan: "The Countryside says NO to Foster's Bill", showed the 120,000 people who attended the Countryside Rally in Hyde Park on 10 July.

man for the Countryside Alliwhen MPs and members of the public actually meet the ordinary people who support

He warned that many ordinary law-abiding people were so angry that they left they

would be prepared to go to prison over the issue.

There are many people who feel that way and I rather

feel that way myself," he said.

"People are extremely angry."
The hunting lobby admits that
Friday's Bill is likely to be

backed by many MPs but they

are keen to prevent any mo-

mentum growing for a hunt ban later this Parliament.

enthusiasts last week descend-

ed on Westminster to urge their MPs to vote against Mr

In one of the largest mass

lobbies in recent years, the

Commons was flooded with

countryfolk arguing that the

move would harm the envi-

ronment and cut thousands of

The demonstration was

organised by the Countryside

Alliance, a coalition of pro-

hunting groups, which also

launched an advertising cam-

paign on 500 poster sites

across London.

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It gets the debate beyond old stereotypes of what hunting is



# Broadcasting watchdog's new code aims to protect privacy

MEDIA EDITOR

Broadcasting Complaints Commission yesterday outlined a new code of behaviour for broadcasters that will set strict limits to invasion of privacy and prevent interviewees being misled by programme makers.

Lady Howe, chairman of the commission, said that as the commission moved to finalise its code "the death of Diana. Princess of Wales, has highlighted the issue [privacy] in a very sharp form. The chairman said the tragedy had led to strong calls for even tigher controls on the media with a recent opinion poll

people support the idea of a

Lady Howe said the implementation of the new code on fairness and privacy, which has statutory backing, was the best way to balance two comknow and the right not to have privacy invaded without good

In an approach also being taken by the Press Complaints body for the newspaper indus-try, the broadcasting code requires that any infringejustified by "an overrriding public interest in disclosure of

iour, to exposing misleading claims, to publicising significant incompetence in public

detailed provisions are designed to make sure that contributors are dealt with fairly. Anyone asked to make a significant contribution to a programme should be told what it is about, why they have been contacted, what the general area of questioning will be and whether their contribution is going to be

The commission made it clear yesterday that its code, January 1, must be reflected in the codes or guidelines of each broadcaster or regulatory body, such as the BBC and the Independent Television

☐ The chairman of the Press

Complaints Commission said yesterday that incorporation of the European Convention on Human Rights into British law would lead to an ineffective privacy law that would erode press freedom. Lord Wakeham, speaking during the committee stage of the Human Rights Bill, told the House of Lords: "Such a law could never be as effective as self-regulation in safeguarding the rights of individuals."

# Councils seeking to outlaw 'Watercards'

By Michael Horsnell

LEGAL action to outlaw a new electronic smartcard method for people to pay their water bills was launched in the High Court yesterday after claims that the system leads to illegal disconnections and endangers public health.

Six local authorities, supported by 31 more, are challenging Ian Byatt, the director of water services, and two water companies over the controversial system designed for poorer households. The authorities claimed that the devices fitted by Severn Trent and North West Water are illegal because they allow the companies to cut off supplies

referring them to the courts as required by the 1991 Water Industry Act.

In Birmingham this year 1,773 households with the the pre-payment devices have been disconnected but only six have been processed through the county courts.

The six authorities Manchester, Liverpool and Birmingham city councils, Lancashire County Council, and Tameside and Oldham borough councils - are seeking judicial review in a move ban the budget payment "Watercard" system, which allows householders to pay for water as they use it by insert-

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down in fight over US rights

BY RAYMOND SNODDY, MEDIA EDITOR

costly High Court climbdown over a long-running dispute over who should profit from the American rights to the television detective series Dalziel & Pascoe.

The corporation, and its commercial arm BBC Worldwide, yesterday agreed to pay Portobello Pictures, co-producers of the series £500,000 and the legal costs of both sides which are likely to total around £250,000.

Portbello took the action for alleged breach of contract and misrepresentation following attempts by the BBC, according to Portbello "to avoid paying shares of revenue from the US broadcaster A & E



Warren Clarke and Colin Buchanan

Network to which Portbello claimed legal entitlement."

After a dispute which has run for more than 17 months the BBC agreed to settle and pay the costs of both sides late on Friday night in advance of yesterday's schedule hearing. Eric Abraham, managing director of Portobello, and a former BBC Panorama producer, said yesterday: "It is a matter of great regret that a publicly funded body like the BBC should waste hundreds of thousands, of pounds, in

legal fees alone trying to evade its contractual obligations. It is believed that the contracts between Portbello and the BBC specify an actual percentage of revenues from

THE BBC yesterday made a dent production company should have gone to it as of

right.
The BBC claims privately that some of the clauses in-volved were capable of different interpretation. BBC Worldwide confirmed last night that a settlement had been reached that was "lower than the original claim". The corporation said it did not accept remarks made by Mr Abraham and added that, as a publicly funded and publicly accountable broadcaster. "the BBC had a duty to the licencefee payer to ensiure that coproduction funds and related financial matters are properly

administered". Mr Abraham said yesterday that dozens of BBC employees, including the two senior figures Will Wyatt and Alan Yentob, were fully aware of the litigation and the BBC's efforts to deprive Portobello of a very sustantal amount of income

The Portobello managing director also alleged yesterday he had been told that outside lawyers had advised the BBC more than 17 months ago that it had no option but to meet Portobello's claim.

The second series of Dalziel 8 Pascoe, based on the novels of crime writer Reginald Hill got an audience of more than 10 million — a 47 per cent share of the audience. Warren Clarke plays Dalziel, and Colin Buchanan his sidekick, Pascoe. A third series is nearly

finished shooting.

After that Mr Abraham who says he owns the Dalziel 8 Pascoe rights is making it clear he would like to hear from other broadcasters. ☐ Bob Quinn, a member of

the Dublin government-appointed group that oversees operations at Ireland's RTE TV and radio network, has temporarily stepped down, in protest at the level of pre-Christmas toy advertising di-



Victoria Spencer, right, arriving at the Cape Town Supreme Court yesterday with her friend Chantelle Collopy

# Earl Spencer accused of affairs

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two British nationals. Jeremy Posnansky, a British family law expert, told the court that it was likely that the Earl's adultery would have a bearing on the outcome of a divorce settlement in

Lady Spencer's lawyers argued that because the bulk of his assets are in Britain, the divorce hearing should be held in London.

They also pointed out that the couple had only intended moving to Cape Town for a few years and that their young daughters had been registered for British public schools.

As well as disputing the divison of

assets, the couple are suing for custody of their children. The wife of a Cape Town business man, Chantelle Collopy, with whom the

him. Lady Spencer arrived in court with Mrs Collopy, who occasionally patted her comfortingly on the arm. A spokesperson for him said later: These are allegations that have been

made by Lady Spencer's counsel and are strenuously denied by Lord Spencer, who will be pursuing them later in the

His lawyers are expected to argue that British law can be applied in South Africa and therefore the case can be heard in South Africa.

Since the estranged couple, who married in 1989, moved to South Africa over a year ago to escape media attention, they have mostly lived apart. Earl Spencer has been linked to a string of beautiful women, the latest

being Josie Boraine, a South African

ports that the couple recently split they were seen together at a weekend charity function in Cape Town.

His estranged wife, Victoria, has been linked to a 26-year-old South Africa pharmacist whom she is said to have met at her local shopping centre in Cape

The hearing continues today and is spected to run for at least one week. Lady Spencer appeared at the Cape Town court wearing a beige dress suit and no make-up, and she appeared

By contrast Earl Spencer, who was wearing a dark suit, appeared confident and chatted amicably with his lawyers before the bearing.

But when questioned about the di-vorce proceedings by reporters outside the court he refused to make any

# Rape victim in **Owen Oyston** trial 'was not so innocent'

OWEN OYSTON, the millionaire chairman of Blackpool Football Club, yesterday claimed the reenager he was convicted of raping was not the innocent dependent and vulnerable person described at the trial.

In urging three Court of Appeal judges to quash his convictions, lawyers for Mr Oyston claimed she was a liar who, far from having no boyfriends at the time, had an affair in Crete and wrote a sexually explicit letter to the man, it was alleged.

Oyston, 64, yesterday urged Lord Justice Phillips, Mr Jus-tice Jowint and Mr Justice Moses to quash his conviction for rape and indecent assault of the schoolgirl model. Anthony Scrivener. QC, said they had fresh evidence which could have destroyed her credibility in the eyes of the jury during the 18-day trial in Liverpool in May last year.

Elizabeth Underwood, her housekeeper at the home run for the agency models, says she recalled the girl, referred to as JH, bragging about a visit to a castle — the description she used for Oyston's country home, Cloughton Hall near Lancaster.

"She recalls JH describing in excited terms going up to the castle and having a look around. She was jubilant. The visit was on a previous day and she was far from being distressed," he said. Ms Underwood had said

she could hear her "bragging" although she made no mention of Oyston's name. Oyston, who is serving six years, was brought from Wymott jail in Lancashire to the Court of Appeal in London. He glanced occasion-ally at his wife, Vicki, who has fought to clear his name and has taken over as chairman of the football club. Mr Scrivener said of the

new evidence: "If one puts all the points together it is a different case from that presented at the trial."

A letter written in May 1992

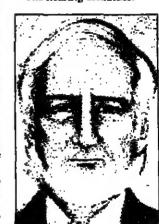
on holiday in Crete, was sexually explicit. She wrote: "I hope you have some energy left because if you have by the time I have finished with you you'll not have because I will stay sober this time." While it has never been

whom she had ad a fling while

established when the rape occurred, if it was before May. the letter suggested she had lied when saying it took a year to get over it, Mr Scrivener said. The victim had said: "I spent a year of my life trying to forget what happened. I hate everybody, I hate having sex. I

started to hurt myself." Mr Scrivener said the letter painted a different picture. She had denied having any boyfriends at that time. He also questioned the view that she was "young, dependent and vulnerable," under the control of Peter Martin at the agency, who is now serving 20

years for sexual crimes. Helen Grindrod, QC, for the Crown, said JH was in effect an abused youngster. already indecently assaulted and probably raped by her boss Martin at the time of the incident. She was taken after midnight 50 miles to Oyston's home, and made to have oral sex with him in the car. "In front was her boss who had been abusing her but seeking to persuade her it is normal." The hearing continues.



Owen Oyston: he was

### **Hunt for** missing mother

BY STEWART TENDLER

FEARS are growing for the safety of a wealthy mother who vanished 13 days ago. Gracia Morton, 40, of Kensington, West London, van-ished after taking her fouryear-old daughter to school in Notting Hill and visiting her estranged husband, an archi-tect, who lives near by. Her car was left there.

Her family said her disappearance was completely out of character. Her daughter has been staying with her father and an aunt. Mrs Morton, who grew up

in Argentina, has two passports. Scotland Yard has made checks on airports.

# Husband 'killed wife after business failed'

A PROPERTY developer

vhose business had collapsed killed his estranged partner as they packed after being forced out of their home, a court was told yesterday.

Susan Faux, a 46-year-old mother-of-three who had changed her surname to that of her common-law husband, was hit 17 times with a hammer in her bedroom at Thiruble Hall in Hexworthy, Devon.

William Faux, 48, who denies murder, was a property tycoon who had fallen victim to the 1990s recession. Exeter Crown Court was told yesterday that he had lost his companies and the family home, and that his partner had left him after a series of rows. The couple had been together for 29 years, although they were not married.

David Lane, QC, for the prosecution, said that the murder happened as they were packing up their belongings before leaving the £300,000 house on Dartmoor. Faux brought some jumpers into the bedroom and left them "in an untidy state". Mr Lane said: "She became annoyed and hit him in the face with a

coat-hanger." Faux allegedly pulled a BY SIMON DE BRUXELLES

hammer from a shelf and hit his wife twice over the head. In the struggle she bit his finger but he came back into the bedroom and struck her over the head repeatedly.

Mr Lane said that Faux, who had already taken some amphetamines, then took some more pills and a carton of weedkiller that he had bought earlier and went off with the intention of killing himself. The couple's young-ster daughter returned home some hours later and found her mother's body on the bedroom floor with the hammer underneath her. Police were called and Faux was

arrested hiding in a shed. Mr Lane said: "He became prosperous through his own hard work and efforts. But in the early 1990s the recession hit him hard. His companies went into bankruptcy. People were owed money and court orders ordered him to sell Thimble Hall to recoup some of their money. In the last 12 months leading up to the incident he had been taking amphetamines and there had been constant rows. By April 7 she could take it no more. Seventeen days before she was killed she left home to live

Mr Lane said that, four days before the killing, one of Faux's daughters had noticed a basket in her father's car with some of her mother's clothes in it, along with a hammer. Mr Lane said she

had asked her father what it was for and he had replied: "If I find your mother with another man, it might be a big man, and I might have to tap it on the big man's head just to shut him up so I can talk to your mother." He said he would not be

able to handle his wife with someone else and would "do her in and then kill myself". Mr Lane said Faux was constantly making threats to his daughters about killing his wife and committing suicide. He said: "It takes a brave man to kill himself. I have nothing else to live for."

After the killing Faux alleg-edly changed his bloodstained shirt, washed himself, locked up the house and took the pills and weedkiller into a field to the shed. Mr Lane said Faux left a suicide note addressed to his daughters. Faux allegedly told police in

interviews: "She had put up a hell of a fight. It's not easy to

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# Friends recall a 'good' old Kray Damian Whitworth on a benefit night in aid of getting out of jail

THE top-of-the-range Mercedes and Bentleys parked outside would give any passer-by the impression of a typical well-heeled crowd at the Ridge golf club in Kent, enjoying a big night out. In fact it was the Mr Bigs' night

Friends, and those who might be called colleagues, of Charlie Kray gathered at the country club outside Maidstone for a benefit night for the elder brother of Ronnie and Reggie on

The least famous of the East End underworld trio was sentenced to 12 years last year for masterminding a £39 million cocaine deal. At 71, he faces the possibility of ending his days in jail and the old gang are rallying round to raise money for his appeal. More than 200 guests stumped up £100 a head for a ticket, and were then

invited to make further donations inside. Brick walls disguised as men dissuaded those without a ticket from crossing the threshold. Grasses inside said that the buffet was delicious, the cabaret was performed by the Rockin' Berries and there was dancing into the

early hours. There was also a lot of hard talk in dark corners followed by solid hand shaking. Some shy guests slipped in and out through the back door. But these days there are plenty of

survivors from the Kray beyday who

wouldn't dream of skulking in the shadows. "Mad" Frankie Fraser and Tony Lambrianu rubbed shoulders with the younger bloods.

Mr Lambrianu, who organised the

lots of friends, many of whom do not believe that he was involved with smuggling cocaine," he said. "This is a chance to get together and raise some money for his appeal and have a good night out at the same time. Charlie is an old man, and he got a long

bash, declared it a success. "Charlie has

There is a good chance at his age he will finish his life inside. We want to get together the money

sentence for a crime he did not do.

# Mother stops IRA from using name of Bobby Sands

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER.
CHIEF IRELAND
CORRESPONDENT

THE elderly mother of the hunger-striker Bobby Sands has intervened to help prevent the rift between the IRA and Sinn Fein from deepening, republican sources said yesterday.

Rosaleen Sands, 73, is believed to have warned her daughter Bernie against using the family's potent name to promote the dissidents' cause. "The mother was very adamant her son's name not be used," said one well-placed source.

Bobby Sands, who died in the Maze prison in 1981 after 66 days without food, is regarded by some as an IRA "martyr", and criticism of Sinn Fein's peace strategy from his youngest sister would have seriously embarrassed Gerry Adams.

Bernie Sands is one of several senior activists who recently quit the movement.



Bobby Sands: regarded by some as a martyr

She was tipped to become the group's spokeswoman, but her anticipated appearance on a New York republican radio station recently failed to

Ms Sands refused to talk to The Times when approached in the printing and T-shirt shop she runs in Dundalk, County Louth. However she told New York's Irish Voice newspaper last week that "we as a family took a decision not to talk to the media many years ago... I have a business here to run and I want to get on with my business and I have nothing to say."

Without someone of Ms Sands's stature at their helm, the dissidents stand little chance of attracting much more support at this stage. On Sunday night Sinn Fein staged a huge, unprecedented rally in Belfast's Europa Hotel designed to dispel the reports of grassroots unhappiness.

The hotel was the target of numerous IRA attacks during the Troubles. On this occasion 1,000 packed into the chandeliered grand ballroom for an event almost as smooth as one of New Labour's, except for the burly bodyguards and the Socialist Worker salesman in the lobby. There was a a plea for pace from Sinn Fein Youth and ovations for Mr Adams and Martin



Ernest Jones, head teacher of Llangurig Primary School, who welcomed the Queen Mother's help towards buying two computers

# Queen Mother repays 80-year-old debt

BY SIMON DE BRUXELLES

IT WAS 80 years ago and in the midst of war, but Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother has never forgotten the affection her late husband felt for the Welsh village where he recuperated from tuberculosis.

In a gesture that has touched vil-

lagers, the Queen Mother has

29 pupils who attend their tiny primary school. It was in September 1917 that the 21-year-old Duke of York. later to become King George VI, arrived in Llangurig in Mid-Wales. On the advice of doctors he spent three weeks recuperating in the country air after suffering from TB. His stay at Clochfain Hall is re-

corded in the parish church. It was that reminder of the village's royal connection that prompted David Vaughan, head of governors at Llangurig Primary School, to write to the Queen Mother.

The school had already raised some money and was sent a cheque to make up the bulk of the £3,000. Ernest Jones, the school's head

teacher, said: "The Queen Mother's donation has allowed a small rural school to get this latest equipment the same as any school in large

The Queen Mother, then Lady Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon, married the Duke in 1923 six years after his Welsh sojourn, never expecting he would become king.

RIDDELL ON POLITICS

# Disclosure is best reply to cash question

BY PETER RIDDELL

THE recent discussion of party funding has been muddled and confused, in hasty response to the Ecclestone affair. The Neilf (formerly the Nolan) committee has been asked to come up with a new blueprint, even though this has confounded most other western democracies. Just as with electoral systems, there is no ideal method of financing political parties. It all depends on the circumstances and what type of party system you want.

Sir Patrick Neill's committee, which meets on Thursday for its first official canter around the course, has first to define the nature of the problem. Is our present system unfair because one party, the Tories, has traditionally been able to raise more money than Labour and been able to outspend it during campaigns? Or is the real problem that secrecy about donations has produced suspicions of influence peddling and favours in exchange for donations? The solutions are different.

My view is that the difficulties are more to do with disclosure than with inequalities in fund-raising and spending. Once a party raises certain minimum amount, as Labour has in the past two elections, there is little evidence that additional sums make any difference to the outcome. It may be a comforting myth for Labour to believe that they were unfairly robbed of victory in 1992 by a burst of Tory spending. But that is nonsense. Our elections are cheap by international standards, and there are tight constraints on how much parties can spend. They are banned from buying radio and television time, which absorbs tens of millions of dollars in America. This is by far the most important constraint on party funding in Britain. Long may it continue. The significant change in

The significant change in recent years has been the decline in traditional institutional sources of funding. Public companies have cut their political donations sharply in real terms, partly because they want to be less identified with any single party. The Blair leadership has wanted to reduce Labour's reliance on the unions, which anyway have less money to spend. Labour

has boosted its individual membership sharply, but the big new source of funds, as with the Tories, has been wealthy individuals. Some are philantropists backing left or right causes over the years. In other cases, there are worries about large donations by people who have business with government. There is a big difference between the right to privacy of someone giving a small amount and the position of someone giving a sum which is of big significance.

for the recipient, as with Bernie Ecclestone's El million. If the main problem is one of ethics rather than disparities in spending, the solution should be greater disclosure rather than new limits. Jack Straw is bringing in a bill this session banning foreign donations and requiring the disclosure of donors of above £5,000. This should cover amounts as well. There are snags enough here, covering front organisations and defining what is a foreigner. Is it a non-resident or a non-citizen?

Once you get to discussing limits on the size of individual donations and limits on overall national spending, there are a whole series of problems over evasion — the vast "soft money" loophole in America and help in kind by unions — as well as judging what is the right level of spending. A consensus is likely to be impossible here, let alone on the more dubious proposition of extending existing state funding. The Neill committee should concentrate on disclosure.



Sir Patrick: asked to provide a bluenrint

# Sport chiefs urge tobacco rethink

By JILL SHERMAN, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Prime Minister will today come under pressure to extend Formula One's exemp-

mula One a special case.

The meeting at Downing Street coincides with signs

that the Government is pre-

paring to compromise over its

position on Formula One, by

extend Formula One's exemption from the tobacco sponsorship ban to all sports.

Tony Blair is meeting representatives from sports including snooker, darts, cricket and rugby who have been incensed by his decision to make For-

But Formula One is also stepping up its own campaign to ensure that the Government keeps to an indefinite exemption. Representatives of the sport are meeting government and EU officials.

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# Lady and the truants who got clean away

A GANG of truants were cleaning car windscreens at a traffic lights when they decided that a chauffeur-driven limousine looked like a good prospect. They were wrong.

As the young boys set to work with their bucket and water, a rear window rolled down and the strong voice of Baroness Blackstone said: "I am the Minister for Education and Employment. Why aren't you at school?"

Lady Blackstone, who has special responsibility for disaffected youth and is regarded as the Government's leading educational theorist, thought that the boys were a good prospect for reform. But she was wrong, too. There was a "streetwise" response from one child, followed by a conversation that was cut short by

when the lights changed.

The story of young lives at a crossroads was told by the minister yesterday at the introduction of the £10 million new-start scheme to "bring young people who have rejected education back into the David Charter reports on lives at

a crossroads as squeegee boys run into the minister who is introducing

a £10m plan for school drop-outs

develop monitoring, guidance and teaching for school drop-outs aged 14 to 17, and a "second chance school" in Leeds for unqualified young adults to try again on academ-

ic or vocational courses. Her personal attempt to put policy into practice came when a trio of "squeegee merchants" pounced on the ministerial Vauxhall Vectra at traffic lights on Holloway Road, North London, Lady Black-stone, Education Minister in the Lords, said: "My guess is that the three were primary school children. The youngest looked about ten and the other two looked 11 to 13. I suddenly thought, it is 11.30am."

She wound down her window before her driver had a beggars. One boy's initial argument that they were on their way to school would not wash with the former Master

of Birkbeck College. "I got the most wonderful stories in an Irish accent, that his mother was penniless and he had to go out to work in the day in order for his family to eat," she said. "I thought he ought to have gone into politics straight away with a response like that. He was very articulate and streetwise. but clearly someone who, if he went back to school, was going to have a lot to offer.

"I wanted to talk to them for a bit longer, but there was a queue of cars behind hooting. Her personal approach with the truants may have worked in the long run. There was not who wanted to go on, and we just had to leave." Two years a squeegee in sight vesterday along the Holloway Road. ago, Jack Straw, then Shadow

Home Secretary, criticised "the squeegee merchants who wait at large road junctions" when he spoke of a need to reclaim the streets for law-abiding citizens". Teaching unions said that

the minister's experience showed the nature of the problem facing schools and colleges in motivating some pupils. Nigel de Gruchy, general secretary of the National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers, said: "It is a shame more ministers don't wind down their windows and see what is going on. She was lucky she received only oral invective. A teacher might have had the bucket of water as well."

Lady Blackstone, 55, has a PhD from the London School of Economics and was a director of education in the Inner London Education Auhtority. She was created a life peer in 1987, and has two grown-up children.



Baroness Blackstone yesterday. "There was a queue of cars hooting," she said

### Student's killing heightens fears

BY RUSSELL JENKINS

STUDENTS spoke yesterday of their fear of rising violence around campuses in Manchester, after a Taiwanese man was stabbed to death by two muggers.

They ambushed the 30-yearold student in Whitworth Park about 10pm on Saturday. The man lost a huge amount of blood and died in hospital. Police are looking for 3 number of people in connection with the attack.

There has been an alarming rise in attacks on young people in the city centre and in the area of Manchester University and the Manchester Metropolitan University. There are more than 30,000 students in the city, and police are concerned that they appear an attractive target to muggers.

Andrew Ward, editor of a

student newspaper, said: Students are aware of the risks, but they are out and about in relatively dangerous areas. The park is in the heart of the university area. It is well-known for problems. It backs on to dodgy areas."

# Headmaster took girl, 15, home to bed

By A CORRESPONDENT

A HEADMASTER who took a 15-year-old pupil to bed after inviting her to his home told a court that he had succumbed to temptation after 26 years of coping with schoolgirl

Alan Rainbow, a 47-yearold bachelor, was sacked as head of a comprehensive, school in South Wales after the girl confided in a friend. who then told her mother. Yesterday he admitted sexual assault and was jailed for 15

Cardiff Crown Court was told that the girl telephoned Thomas, for the prosecution. said: "Rainbow picked her up in his car and dropped her off the end of his street. He then went into his house, leaving the door open behind him. The girl followed him in a few minutes later.

"He offered her a cup of tea before he began to kiss her on the lips. Rainbow asked her if she wanted to come upstairs. She agreed and they went into the bedroom."

Mr Thomas said that Rainbow and the girl undressed and climbed into bed. They kissed and cuddled and the

girl performed a sexual act on him, then left.

Stephen Hopkins, for Rainbow, said: "Rainbow had already picked up the vibrations from the girl, who had indicated she had a crush on him. Many teachers, men and women, pick up such indications from their pupils every day. She had also indicated to him that she was experienced in sexual matters. He is basically a decent, highly profes-sional man who has had one serious lapse. He now stands before the court with his head

bowed, in shame." pleaded guilty to sexual assault because the girl was under the age of consent. He said: "For 26 years I have coped with girls with crushes on me but this one went disastrously wrong. I have always taught my pupils that if you make a mistake you put your hand up and take the consequences. I'm willing to

Judge Michael Burr told him: This girl was vulnerable and you were a senior teacher. You fell into temptation and you fell a long way. Your career is now, sadly, in ruins."

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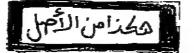
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# The nation's assets are brought to book coriginal Domesday Book was compiled in 1086 panels of commissioners working for William the uqueror. They encountered great resentment un they drew up detailed accounts of the acco

The original *Domesday Book* was compiled in 1086 by panels of commissioners working for William the Conqueror. They encountered great resentment when they drew up detailed accounts of the estates of the King and his tenants in chief. From these, the King's clerks drew up a summary, known as the Domesday Book. The primary purpose was not unlike today - to maximise tax revenues.

The book actually consists of two volumes. Volume I (Great Domesday) contains the final summarised record of all the counties surveyed except Essex. Norfolk and Suffolk. For these three, the full return is preserved in Volume 11 (Little Domesday). Four northern counties, London and Winchester were left out. Every village had to reply to questions about the identity of landholders, the size and use of land, the number and status of workers in the fields, and the value of the land.

#### **FOREIGN OFFICE**

The Foreign Office is one of landlords; with 1,441 houses and residences abroad, its property holdings run into billions of pounds, although no total figure is given (Michael Binyon writes).

The Government's "Domesday Book" notes that the Foreign Office owns a total of 136 embassy offices, 157 ambassadorial residences and 1.054 houses and flats for other diplomats. It also owns a further 94 properties such as tennis courts. garages, guard rooms and stores. There are particularly valuable properties in Paris. Washington and New York.

Thre reports said that the great majority of the heritage assets were held in 26 major posts "where the buildings are of exceptional historic and architectural interest.". These include residences in Paris, Washington. Vienna. Rome. Tokvo. Istanbul, Moscow, Pretoria, Cairo and Buenos Aires. capitals where Britain acquired or was donated property when it was a globally dominant political and economic power.

Anticipating pressure to sell some of the pictures and antiques housed in these buildings, the report adds: "Antique furniture complements the architecture and interiors and contributes to preserving the high heritage standard of the buildings and to their representational quality."

worth more than £5,000 has been recorded, with photographs, descriptions and valuations. It says that "comparatively few" antiques exist at the remaining posts. The Foreign Office able item inventories of these posts to see whether further items need to be valued and added to the

antiques inventory.
The Foreign Office notes that many of the most valuable properties in city centres, such as the magnificent site in Tokyo have been given to Britain at peppercorn rent or as gifts with restricted covenants. These cannot be sold or disposed of without Britain incurring substantial penalties.

Both the Foreign Office and the British Council have access to an extensive art collection. The Foreign Office has an inventory of the paintings and works on loan from the Government Art Collection, which is responsible for their maintenance. The British Council's own art collection, assembled at a cost of £2.1 million. is now estimated to be worth £25.25 million.

The council's holdings. including land, property, furniture and vehicles, come to more than £100 million.

The report also lists all Foreign Office cars (850). light vehicles (220), heavy commercial vehicles (60). It notes drily that it has "sufficient items of office equipment and furniture" and computers which are in constant need of updating and replacement. "Providing our many offices with modern information technology is akin to painting the Forth Bridge."



National collection: Alistair Darling, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, with a copy of the register yesterday

DTI

Investment in aircraft projects has

failed to reap dividends, according

to the inventory at the Department

of Trade and Industry (Kevin Eason

writes). The latest family of Airbus

airliners has cost the Government

almost £700 million in grants. Levies

received on the A320 series amounts

to £250 million but on the advanced

A330/340 aircraft, the return has

been nil for investment of £447 mil-

lion. Grants for the Westland EH101

helicopter were £60 million, but

nothing has so far been paid back to

the Government.

#### COURTS

Judges' lodgings, used by circuit judges, occupy nearly 10,000 square metres of property among the "considerable estate" owned by the Court Service (Frances Gibb writes). The largest, at Salford, near Man-chester, covers 1,697 sq m. The smallest, at Reading. is 204 sq m. For security reasons, the register ex-cludes addresses. Also exciuded are "non-operational antiques" such as works of art. although these may be listed on the Court Service asset register in future.

NHS

The National Health Service owns

some of the most expensive proper-

ties in Britain, with large sites in the

centre of almost every city and big town in the country (Ian Murray writes). The NHS efficiency task

force, set up in June, has already identified 700 properties worth a total of £1.2 billion that it wants to

sell. In East London the land owned

by St Bartholemew's Hospital and

£29.6 million, and the Guy's and St

Thomas's sites are estimated to be

worth £32 million.

Royal London Hospital is worth

#### TRANSPORT

Old English long-horned cattle are listed in John Prescott's inventory for his "superministry" of transport, environment and the regions (Arthur Leathley writes). The 165 cattle are registered under E91,000 worth of breeding stock owned by English Nature, which advises on conservation. London Transport, the most valuable nationalised industry within the department, is valued at £7.48 billion mainly tied up in London Underground, which is awaiting partial priv-

#### AGRICULTURE

The Ministry of Agriculture has only one com-bine harvester but two estimated £350 million of assets. A ministry famous for generating red tape also manages apparently to get by with just 40 telephone systems. Eighty five per cent of the assets consist of land and buildings, including 18 "buffer depots" that once held emergency food stockpiles for wartime use. All are now up for sale. The ministry also has 24 farms and plots of agricultural

The Department of Social Security's assets are dominated by those of the Benefits Agency, the largest of its five departmental agencies (Mark Henderson writes). The DSS has the freehold or historic leasehold to 250 buildings, most of which are used as Benefits Agency offices or jobcentres. The department owns 59,500 computers and 24,400 printers, more than haif of which belong to the Benefits Agency. It owns 2,720 cars (2,207 used by the Benefits Agency) and 133 vans (119 with the Benefits Agency).

#### SCOTLAND

The Scottish Office owns 34 offices and homes, ranging from 28,000 square metres at Victoria Quay in Edinburgh to a wooden hut in Portree (Nicholas Wood writes). It possesses 19 prisons and 174 vehicles, including one minibus. It also maintains 90 estates, mostly in the Highlands, although these are being sold off to tenants. Historic Scotland, a government agency, looks after 330 ancient monuments using 81 vehicles and nine boats. Assets include eight castles and 79 gift shops and cafes in prime tourist spots.

sides over a treasure trove of historic buildings, national landmarks and works of art (Nicholas Wood writes).

Jewels in the crown include 30 "non-departmental public bodies" such as the National Gallery, over which the Culture Secretary has only limited powers, the Government Art Collection, the Royal Parks Agency and the BBC.

The department, which admits to a modest 4.75acre landholding north of St Pancras Station. also owns five famous heritage assets: Trafal-gar Square, Apsley gar Square, Apsley House, part of Osborne House, Marble Arch and Wellington Arch. In addition, Mr Smith is responsible for keeping the pigeons off 58 statues

across the capital.
But amid the Leonar dos and van Goghs, Mr Smith has also some more plebeian duties. The Historic Royal Palaces Agency - responsi-ble for the upkeep of such landmarks as the Tower of London boasts three leaf sweepers, one refuse sweeper and three battery cars.

Presumably rather more machinery is needed to tend the department's rolling acres, which include Regent's Park, Primrose Hill, St James's Park, Green Park, Hyde Park, Ken-sington Gardens, Greenwich Park Bushy Park Richmond Park and Horse Guards Parade.

The British Museum has fixed assets worth E391 million, the Wallace Collection £21 million. the Imperial War Museum £47 millio), and the National Gallery £201 million.

Such riches overshadow the mundane assets of arts, tourism and sports bodies. But the BBC puts in a decent show with fixed assets of £630 million, with another £126 million for the World Service. In the BBC's case, land and buildings are its main

ler" in charge of more than 800 locomotives and assorted rolling stock to transport tanks and other armoured vehicles. (Michael Evans writes).

In a long list of plant and machinery belonging to the Army's Quartermaster General, the register discloses that the MoD owns 847 "rail vehicles". The man in charge of the rail stock, the MoD said, is Colonel Guy Yeoman. whose proper title is head of logistic support services section two (railways).

Colonel Yeoman, equivalent to the Fat Controller of the Thomas the Tank Engine stories, is respon-sible for locomotives painted in navy blue and red livery which use the Channel Tunnel when tanks have to be transported to Europe.

The MoD owns a church. St George's at Biggin Hill, southeast London, which is staffed by RAF chaplains, although the famous wartime airfield nearby has been sold. Inside MoD buildings there are 709 works of art and 226 antiques.

Among the furniture is the Duke of Wellington's desk in the office of the General Officer Cont-manding London District in Horse Guards Parade. and the mahogany octago-nal desk used by Winston Churchill when he was First Lord of the Admiralty, which is in the office of the Defence Secretary. Only items valued at

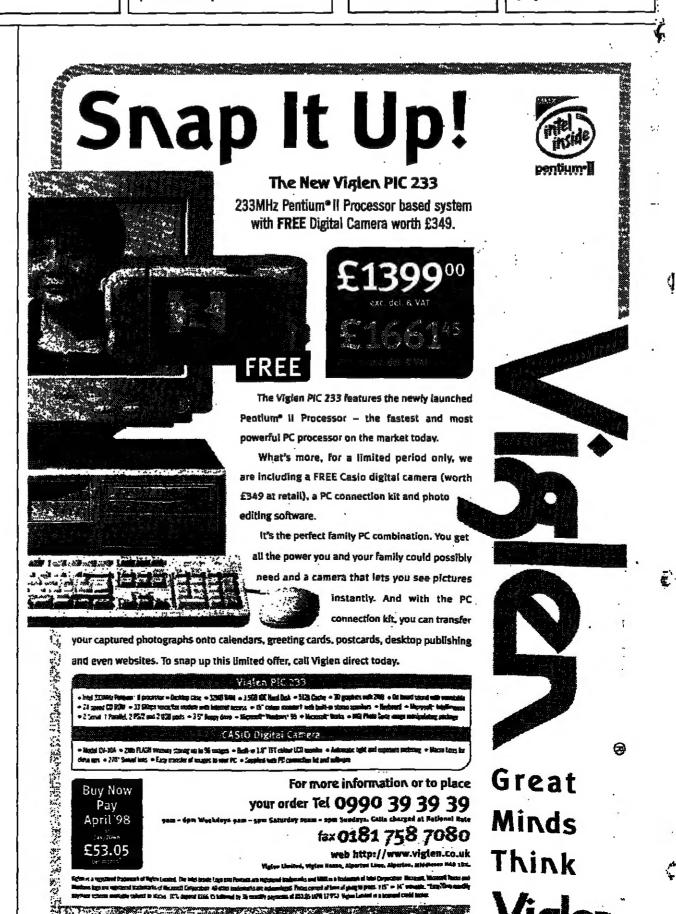
more than £500 are included. Some 505 horses are listed, 396 Challenger tanks and 19 new Challenger 2s. The register lists 1,014 main battle tanks. but this includes all armoured vehicles on a tank chassis.

Some budget holders have large shareholdings. The Commander-in-Chief Fleet has 688 preference shares worth £l each in the Chamber of Shipping, and 50,040 shares in the British Shipping Federa-

insurance

The MaD owns 90,000 properties.

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# book Coroner refuses to confirm suicide

IN SYDNEY AND DAMIAN WHITWORTH

THE rock star Michael Hutchence died from hanging, but it was still not confirmed last night that he committed suicide.

Derek Hand, the New South Wales State Coroner, disclosed that Mr Hutchence, who was found hanged in a Sydney hotel on Saturday, had died of asphyziation, but re-fused to say that it was deliberate. The results of toxicology tests would not be known for some time, he said.

But police sources insisted that the singer with the Australian band INXS had killed himself and was not the victim of an auto-erotic sex game that. went wrong. His naked body was found hanging from a leather belt in his suite at the Ritz Cariton.

One of the investigating detectives said: "We believe it is a straight case of suicide. Reports of a 'kinky' sex game are absolutely untrue, unhelp-



came amid claims that Mr Hutchence, partner of the television presenter Paula Yates, took his life after a dispute over child custody. Australian television stations reported that a fellow guest in the Ritz Carlton heard the rock star engaged in a heated conversation with Ms Yates's former husband, Bob Geldof. shortly before he died. At one

shouted down the line: "You're not married to her now."

Reports of a custody row came after comments by Ms Yates on her Sydney-bound aircraft in which she suggested to reporters that her former husband had objected to the children going to Sydney. She had telephoned Hutchence shortly before he died saying she could not join him in Australia as planned because of a continuing court case over

custody. Ms Yates, who travelled with her 16-month-old daughter by Hutchence, Heavenly Hiraani Tiger Lily, appeared to be distressed and highly emotional during the flight. Last night British Airways claims that she behaved abusively. She is alleged to have thrown a glass of champagne at an airport employee during a refuelling stop in Bangkok after a row over the use of an airport buggy.

A BA spokesman said they

would establish the facts from the captain of the flight. On her arrival at Sydney,

city mortuary, where she viewed the body. Sources said she sobbed uncontrollably for 20 minutes before leaving for her hotel. The funeral will take

place in Sydney on Thursday. The couple were to have been married in the new year and Ms Yates has said she would wear her wedding dress, dyed black, "with pride" Mr Geldof refused to com-

ment on her claims that he

had provoked Mr Hutchence

to despair. "I don't talk about

these things; they are personal," he told reporters. "I know you would like me to, but I never do. I am sorry to sound like a parrot or something, but I have nothing further to say." Police are still trying to piece together Mr Hutchence's final hours before death. Kym Wil-son, an actress who visited his room in the early hours of Saturday morning, is underpolice. Her friend Christopher Stollery, who was reported to have also gone to the hotel, has denied being there.



### Life for youth in rooftop attacks

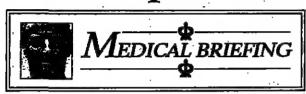
BY PAUL WILKINSON

A TEENAGER who twice injured people by dropping heavy objects from the top of the same multistorey car park was jailed for life yesterday. Robert Devonshire, 18, from Normanton, Wakefield, carried out his second attack three months after being released from a young offender institution to which he had been sent after the first inci-

dent, Leeds Crown Court was Sentencing him to life with a minimum recommendation of four years and three months, er of Leeds, said that it was "miraculous" that his second victim, Bernard Atkinson, 64, was not badly hurt when he was hit by the 3lb piece of rubble dropped from the Riding shopping centre car park in Wakefield.

The court heard that Devonshire - described as a "loner in a world of his own" - had ping a scaffolding pole on to eight-year-old Simon Teece.

# Drugs can fail to treat depression



#### Dr Thomas Stuttaford

MICHAEL HUTCHENCE had been prescribed Prozac it appears to have failed to relieve his symptoms, it is effective in at least 60 per cent

Hutchence had been taking-Prozac long enough for his because, as with all antidepressant drugs, the effect is not immediate. His father is said to have noticed that he seemed unusually troubled. Depression is not a disease

often a rapid mood swing: be jolly before dinner but suicidal after a few drinks and an upsetting phone call.

In a case of this sort the cause of the suicide would not have been the conversation, but the patient's person-ality. Mr Hutchence's character enabled him to reach stardom, but his life also needed, as he said, to be fuelled by sex, drugs and alcohol. When a mood swing is sudden, as in a patient with



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# The test that should stop cancer errors

Researchers say new software will improve accuracy of cervical smear checks, reports

#### Ian Murray

A COMPUTER test for cervical cancer could save the lives of hundreds of women every year and cut the number of incorrect smear test

The analysis, which is based on assessing the density of blood vessels in tissue. could also be developed to give early warning of other can-cers. Work on the test has been under way for two years at Nottingham City Hospital and should be widely available in five to ten years.

The research team has concentrated on a link between the number of blood vessels and the early stages of cervical cancer. Cliff Murray, the oncologist leading the research. said yesterday that they had found it was possible to detect early signs of a malignancy just by looking at the blood vessels in a piece of tissue.

findings clearly established

the link between the number

of blood vessels and cancer.

but so far it was necessary to

do a biopsy to discover the

density of them. The next

challenge was to find a way of

obtaining the same informa-

tion from the smear test itself.

known to signal that the density of blood vessels was

increasing and once it became

possible to isolate it so that a

computer could recognise it,

then smear tests could be

analysed on what would

amount to a conveyor beit. All

those with abnormalities

would be spotted by the com-puter and all the others

Dr Murray said that the

cancers were generic and

there were common factors

with breast and colo-rectal

malignancies. This should

make it possible eventually to

use similar screening tests to

give early warning of other

Research, funded by the

Cancer Research Campaign

and the women's health chari-

ty Wellbeing, is now to be

widened to analyse tissue from another 200 women in

order to discover more about

the link between blood density

Gordon McVie, director-

general of the cancer cam-

paign, said the software

clearly already worked: "We

and cervical abnormalities.

A protein was already well-

The study so far has involved examining cervical rissue taken from biopsies or hysterectomies from 70 women, who had been recalled after their cervical smear tests apparently showed abnormalities. Of these, 41 had warning signs for cancer, 13 had cancer and

16 were disease-free controls. In a blind survey, the team recorded the blood vessels in each of the samples. They compared the findings with the known condition of each woman. The results showed that those with the highest blood vessel density all had cancer and those with the lowest density were normal.

In the cases between the extremes, those with higher counts had higher degrees of premalignant tumour growth. The women were treated and four of them, who had a recurrence, were all found to have a particularly high blood vessel density.

Dr Murray said that the





### Long hours and low pay SMEAR TESTING AND CERVICAL CANCER for hard-pressed staff UNDER the present system 3,500 cases each year of cervical cancer. Of 1,300 who die, half have never had a smear test

for checking cervical smears, poorly paid laboratory staff spend up to 4's hours every day looking down a microscope at slides containing 300,000 cells.

They spend up to 25 minutes per slide searching for subtle changes in a single cell which may indicate an abnormality. It is a tedious task. requiring great concentra-tion, and has been likened to scarching for a needle in a

At the Royal London Hosoital in East London, where one of Britain's first cytology departments was established in 1964, little has changed in screening methods for 20

years. Geoffrey Curran, a science graduate, who has worked in the laboratory for four years said: "It is a highly skilled and very important job. We all have degrees or equivalent and undergo two years of training, but the pay is very bad. It can be as little as £7,000 when you are training and £11,000 when you

qualify.
"We have problems recruiting staff, so we are always very busy. It is very expensive and time-consuming to train people, but many find it boring and go to work in different departments or leave for better-paid jobs." Mr Corran works with four other medical laboratory scientific officers and a

trainee, testing 16,000 smears

year. They also examine 4,000 other specimens for different diseases. Each looks at about 20 smear slides a day, spending a minimum of eight minutes on each.

Abnormal cells are marked with ink and the slide passed on to more senior staff. All negative slides are also re-screened for between 30 seconds and four minutes by another officer. The laboratory has a two to three-week backing, though urgent tests can be done in two days.

Chris Brown, who runs the laboratory, said: "Even when we are fully staffed, it is difficult to find the time to do essential things like train and look at the quality of the

### NEWS IN BRIEF

### Woman vicar is robbed at knifepoint

A vicar was held up at knifepoint by a robber who stole more than £700 from the church safe. The Rev Janet Fortune-Wood, 36, a mother of four, said she feared that the man would sexually assault her after he confronted her outside St Barnabas in Soli-hull. West Midlands, on Sunday. He made her lock the church doors and open the safe, which contained collection money and takings from the Christmas fête. She said: "He could have been very dangerous. He was very psyched up."

#### Hostage freed

A British aid worker has been freed after being held hostage for four days by Somali gunmen. Dennis Cassidy, 49. from Merseyside, who works for the European Union's Somalia Unit, was kidnapped with four UN workers at Elayo on the Gulf of Aden.

#### **Bodies returned**

The bodies of Shaunnah Turner, 5, her air-hostess mother, Karina, 24, and grand-mother, Joan Turner, 53, who were killed in the massacre at Luxor in Egypt, arrived back in West Yorkshire. The funeral will be held at their home will see of Finnonden. home village of Ripponden.

#### Alfa is car of year

The Alfa Romeo 156 has been voted European Car of the Year by journalists from 21 European countries. The 130mph car, which goes on sale in Britain in February. beat the new Volkswagen Golf into second place, with the Audi A6 third.

#### First of the many

Glenda Jackson, the Aviation Minister, opened a £500,000 passenger terminal at Biggin Hill, southeast London. The former Battle of Britain airfield is expanding from private aircraft to commuter services, and hopes for up to 100,000 travellers a year.

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# MI6 'offered to pay sacked spy for secrets book'

By Michael Evans, defence correspondent

A SACKED MI6 officer who has pleaded guilty to a charge under Section I of the Official Secrets Act was offered money by his former employers in return for handing over the book he had threatened to publish, a court was told

Richard Tomlinson, 34, dismissed from MI6 in 1995, said that he had money problems when Secret Intelligence Ser-vice (SIS) officers visited him in Spain after he threatened to write about his operational

At Bow Street Magistrates' Court in London yesterday, Colin Gibbs, for the prosecution, said that MI6 offered Tomlinson "financial assistance and other support", provided he agreed to drop his claim for unfair dismissal and

RICHARD TOMLINSON,

a graduate of aeronautical

bridge University and a po-tential MI6 high flyer.

admitted in a letter to the

Secret Intelligence Service

that be was prepared to contemplate the unthink-

able step of contacting a

hostile power". His threat was one of many

in a series of letters to his for-

mer M16 employers after be-

ing sacked from the service.

The contents of these confi-

dential letters emerged dur-ing bail applications at Bow

Street Magistrates' Court.
Last week, after revealing

the letters in camera, the

prosecution gave the details of correspondence in open court. One letter referred to

the possibility of "holding a

to hand over all the information he had written down, both on paper and on his computer.

A deal was agreed between MI6 and Tomlinson in February this year, Mr Gibbs said, but subsequently he flew to Australia to find a publisher for his book. At his fourth court appearance since his arrest on October 31, Tomlinson pleaded guilty to the unlawful disclosure of

information. Roland Bartle, the Stipendiary Magistrate, committed him for sentencing at the Old Bailey. He was remanded in custody and faces up to two years in prison.

The court was told that Tomlinson, who was arrested at his home in Milton Keynes. had been in negotiation with Transworld Publishers, in

covert "diplomatic" post in

Moscow and six months of

intelligence-gathering in Bosnia. His last job involved

trying to stop weapons of

mass destruction being ac-

At every court appearance,

Tomlinson was denied bail

because it emerged that he

was trained in escape tech-niques and was skilled in the

use of aliases. After his arrest, police found false doc-

uments bidden at his house.

publish a book on his opera-

tional career with M16 - or

to release the coded contents

on to the Internet from two

pre-programmed computers

Government into another

Spycatcker affair.

- threatened to plunge the

The threat by Tomlinson to

quired by Iran .

then Foreign Secretary.
MI6 discovered that Agent's threat to Tomlinson was in contact with The Sunday Times and that a number of other articles had appeared about his case claimdeal with enemy ing that the information came from an unnamed source.
Mi6 obtained a High Court
order preventing The Sunday
Times from publishing further career in MI6 included a disclosures. However, despite

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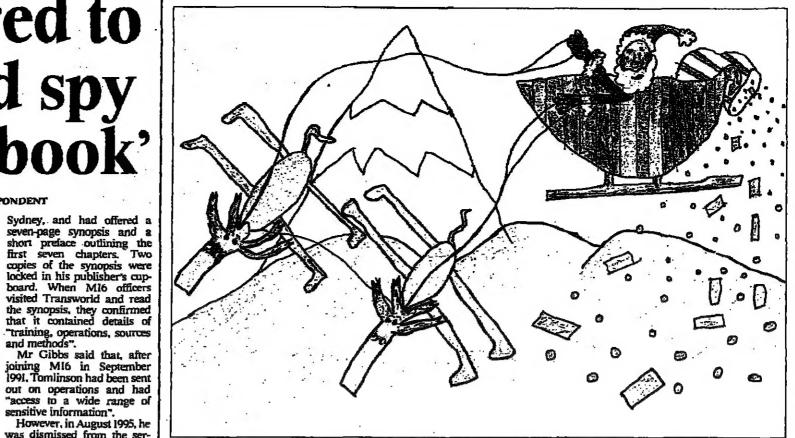
industrial tribunal was blocked by Malcolm Riskind,

Sydney to meet publishers. Owen Davies, for Mr Tomlinson, said the defence would argue that nothing disclosed had damaged the national interest. "There was really no substantial or realistic danger to national security at all," he said.

his earlier agreement not to

publish his book, he flew to

After the hearing, John Wadham, Tomlinson's solicitor, issued a statement on his behalf which said: "I wanted to plead not guilty to expose this hypocrisy, but the draco-nian nature of the Official Secrets Act makes this impossible. There is no public interest defence. I would have been guilty even if I had disclosed the colour of the carpets in the



Flight of fancy: the card by Nicholas Gibb, 7, whose uncle works on the Treasury's staff magazine

# Chancellor sends gifts from the sky in Treasury greeting

Santa Brown's official Christmas

card rejects the usual historical

portrait, reports Andrew Pierce

GORDON BROWN has rejected tradition for his official Christmas card in favour of the artistic talents of the children of Treasury staff. In the past the Chancellor

of the day chose a portrait of one of his predecessors from the government picture col-lection. But the bachelor Chancellor, who is widely rumoured to be considering marriage, held a design com-petition instead for the children, grandchildren, nephews and nieces of Treasury staff. Mr Brown was overwhelmed by the response. "It was one of the toughest decisions he has made since

he became Chancellor," an aide said last night. In the end the Chancellor.

who presents his pre-Budget outcome and declared a tie because he could not bear to hurt the children's feelings. The two winning designs were by Keir Ferguson, 9,

whose mother, Gilliau,

Lloyd George, by Low, last year's Treasury card works on the Treasury local government team, and Nich-olas Gibb, 7, whose unde. las, of Todor School, Finch-James Coker, is assistant editor of Chequerboard, the Treasury staff magazine. ley, North London, will meet Mr Brown at Il Downing Keir, a pupil of Gordon Brock School, Brockley, South London and Nicho-Street when it is decorated for Christmas. Keir drew a colourful collection of

had Father Christmas and two reindeers on a green sleigh, with gifts pouring out of his sack, which is more than most people expect from Mr Brown's new Budget box when he unveils the contents of his statement today.

Among those who will receive the boys' handiwork are Alan Greenspan, head of the American Federal Reserve, and Kenneth Clarke, Mr Brown's predecessor.

Mr Brown s predecessor.

Mr Brown, who is planning to spend Christmas with his family in Scotland with his girlfriend, Sarah MacAuley, said: "Christmas is a time for children. I thought it would be right if the Treasury's Christmas greetings could be seen through the eyes of young-sters. I am delighted with their work."

### Vicar who took porn photos of children is jailed

By Simon de Bruxelles

A VICAR who fled abroad after admitting taking inde-cent photographs of children jailed yesterday after 16 months on the run. The Rev Merfyn Roberts, 62, a former prison chaplain, was extradited from the Czech Republic. where he had secured a job teaching English at a Prague

boys' school. Before vanishing, Roberts, a grandfather, had admitted seven charges of taking indecent photographs of girls. He was granted bail and disappeared from his vicarage at Llanpumsaint, Dyfed, a week before sentencing in June last year. He left a false trail, but was arrested in Prague in July after a British tourist recog-nised him. Patrick Griffiths, for the

prosecution, said that the vicar prosecution, said that the vicar was arrested after he took a slide film to be processed in Swansea. A technician alerted the police. Roberts denied deliberately taking indecent photographs, but admitted that the pictures of a five-year-sld was "a bit nude". old were "a bit rude".

Police later found a hoard of pornography at his vicarage -"A large number of them depicted naked adult females," said Mr Griffiths. They discovered indecent pictures of another girl "in identical poses" to the women. They found that Roberts was renting a photographic studio. He insisted it was used for legitimate portrait work.

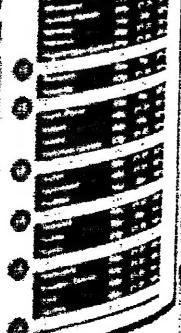
Elwen Evans, for the defence, said a jail sentence would be "particularly burdensome™ because, as a sex offender and former prison chaplain. Roberts would be subjected to abuse from other inmates. "Threats have been made already," she said.

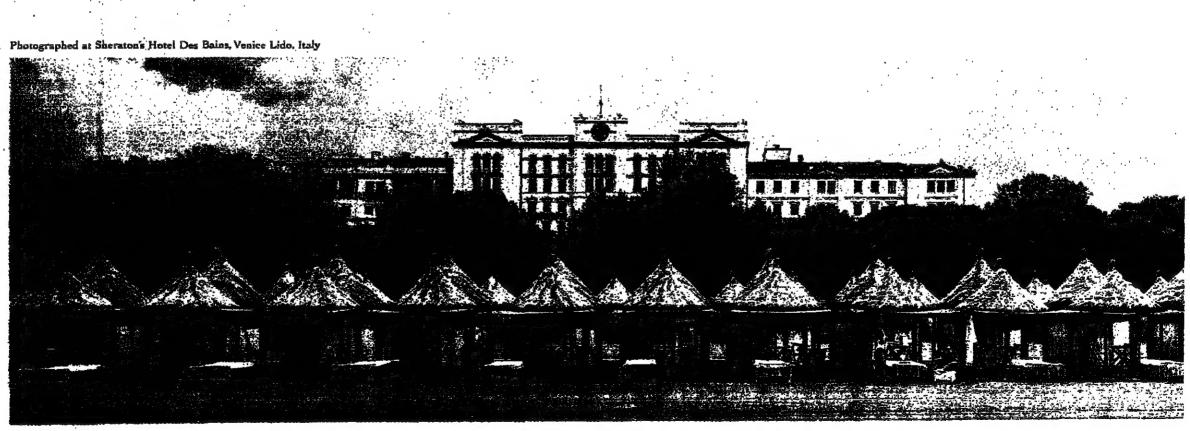
Judge Martin Stephens, at Swansea Crown Court, jailed him for 15 months and put him on the paedophile register. The judge told him: "You exploited these young children for your own sexual gratification."

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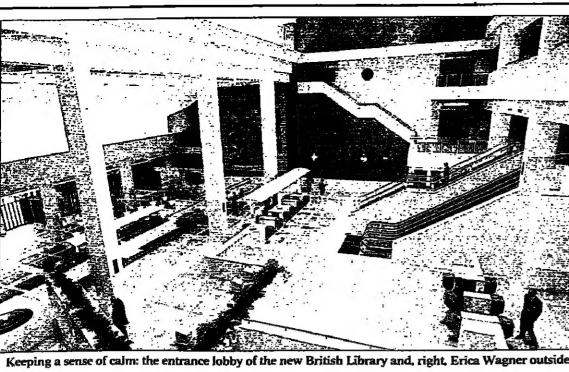




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# Readers' acclaim speaks volumes

Erica Wagner has been Literary Editor of The Times since December 1996. Before joining the

paper in 1995 she worked for three years as a

AT 9.30am a group of 60 readers entered the new British Library to a sound rarely heard within such walls: applause. As we marched into the library's high, white atrium, the assembled staff stood to welcome us. After years of delay and spiralling expense — a projected budget swelled from £116 million to £511 million — the Humanities Reading Room was at last ready for its first readers.

The move from the old round Reading Room at the British Museum had not been easy. Antonio Panizzi's blue domed space was beloved by all who used it - I loved it, for the three years I worked there before coming to The Times. and I shared the trepidation as we stood outside in the cold, waiting for the doors to open. "I was just devastated when I knew the old Reading Room was closing," said Jean Field, a regular reader researching a book on the Varley family of painters.

freelance editor and reviewer, spending most of her days in the old British Library — of which she grew very foud. Her collection of short stories, Gravity, has just been published by Granta Books: one of the tales, Please Don't, is set in the Round Reading Room ed us, as it did the first users with his thesis on Eamon De of Panizzi's library in 1857. Valera's Cuban antecedents. was concerned that the new Doubtless several of the

library's King's Cross site would attract "riff-raff". "Perhaps it will attract a better class of dosser." interjected Graham Boyes, a retired British Rail employee investigating transport history. But inside the library, the noise and colour — to put it charitably — of King's Cross seems far distant. Here is an

library's shelves (which never, contrary to rumour, flung their precious cargo of books

their safe embrace)

could be filled with the argu-

ments about Colin St John Wilson's design for the new library: "A lump of bodging on cosmic scale," said Jona-than Meades; "an academy for secret police," ventured the Prince of Wales. Yet the oasis of quiet calm: though a new Reading Room, seating 452 as opposed to the old ten-minute queue to leave bags and coats in the cloaklibrary's 393, is a fine airy room (a service now obligatory to deter theft) dampened room, the curve of one white the welcome. But upstairs, wall seeming an echo of the champagne and coffee greetold dome, its height - archreading space - giving the same sense of space and calm.

The doubters began to be convinced: Penelope Farmer, at work on the Penguin Book

of Sisters and a long-time user of the old library, believed that Wilson was wrongly reviled. She pointed to the wood detailing on the walls. "It's lovely, like something from a harem," she said. But she had left her glasses in her bag downstairs and had to go back for them - an inconvenience of the cloakroom system. However, she hoped - now that 12 million volumes will be on site rather than scattered around the country - that book retrieval would improve. "I've worked in libraries all over the world and getting books was always a doddle compared to the British Library. I'll miss the elegance of the old place, but I won't miss the wait for the

Once all the books are on site - there are nearly three million in place now, and it



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will be 1999 before the move is completed - books should take half an bour to retrieve from the 300 kilometres of shelving stretching 23 metres below ground. Mike Crumb, director of reader services, said that, at the old library. books from other sites could take a day to arrive. It was often more like three.

But this morning the computer catalogue told me that A Beginner's Guide to Weaving, by Kenneth Ponting, was on site: I didn't request Enid Gouldie's Spinning and Weaving as it was still on its way to the building. No more filling in request slips to be sucked into pneumatic tubes:

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a few taps on the keyboard and the computer ordered my book. It was I lam. At II.40 the little light on my desk told me to collect my book. In the old library 47 per cent of the materials were on site; when the book move is finished that will rise to 82 per cent.

I was duly impressed, as was John Morgan, who had come from Germany to complete a PhD on property valuation. "I ordered books in advance," he said. "but I was so sure they wouldn't be here I bought an open ticket for my return. But they were waiting for me when I arrived." Years of living in Germany have clearly undermined his belief in British efficiency. He did discover, however, that, when he went to plug in his laptop computer, an elegant detail on the new desks blocked the insertion of his adaptor.

Then there was the matter of the public telephones, none of which was working. All BT's fault, I was assured, and shortly to be repaired; but after so much time and so many hitches these seemed like minor flaws.

Brian Lang, the library's chief executive, was undaunted by such matters. "We'll all miss the round reading room," he said. "But everyone" readers and staff — will be better served here." It had, he felt, been worth the wait. Eighty new readers were registered before Ham yesterday, a substantial increase on usual new registration, and 2,000 books were issued to the reading room before 11.30.

It did seem that the new British Library had met its first invasion of readers with order, efficiency and books on demand. I loved the old Reading Room: I was prepared to be sentimental and stroppy. But sitting there yesterday, writing, I could still smell leather and paper, i still felt enveloped by peace — and I knew I would not grow old waiting to read about weavings, warp and weft.

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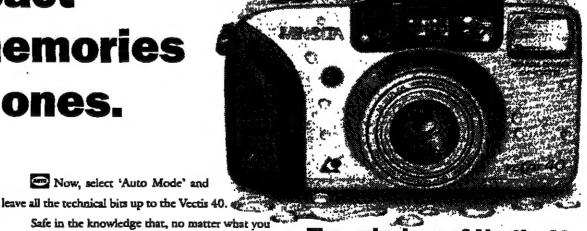


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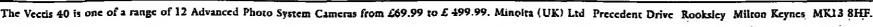
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# Mrs Mandela unmoved by accusers



Winnie Mandela sits impassively during the hearing in Johannesburg yesterday

WINNIE Madikizela-Mandela sat impassive through eight hours of harrowing testi-mony given in stilling heat yesterday as former friends and long-standing enemies accused her of tortore, abduction and several murders.

Mrs Mandela, 63, the for-mer wife of Nelson Mandela, confronted her accusers for the first time at a hearing of the South African Truth and Reconciliation Commission into the "Mandela United Football Club" that could decide her political future.

She remained unmoved as Phumlile Dlamini sobbed and told how the woman who was once hailed as a champion of the oppressed had attacked her in a jealous rage and orchestrated the murder of her brother Thuli. She whispered instructions to her lawyers as Thami Hlatswayo, a former guerrilla of Umkhonto we zwe, the armed wing of the African National Congress, said he had been present when a witness to the killing of his superior officer, who had clashed with Mrs Mandela, had been shot on her orders.

The erstwhile "Mother of the Nation", who is running for the deputy presidency of the ANC, remained deadpan as Nicodemus Sono accused her of having tortured and abducted his son Lolo nine years ago.

She stared with visible venom at John Morgan, her former driver and friend for 40 years, who told the commission she had begun four days of torture of four youths. Mr Morgan, given a one-year suspended sentence for kidnapping during the 1991 trial of Mrs Mandela and others Scared witnesses tell of her alleged central role in campaign of torture

and murder, Sam Kiley reports

"football club", a township

vigilante group she set up

1980s in Soweto, as principal

actors in a series of ghastly

under the chairmanship of

Archbishop Desmond Tutu to investigate apartheid-era poli-

tical crimes and to hear am-

nesty applications, sat grim-

faced through bitter exchan-

ges between Mrs Mandela's legal team. "When they

started the football club every-

one admired them. I did too;

during a reign of terror in the

Moeketsi Seipei, said the beat-ings led directly to the death of the 14-year-old activist.

He dismissed her alibi that she was far away in Brandfort at the time Stompie died - a central part of her defence that meant she received a suspended sentence and a fine for kidnapping rather than the death sentence for murder.

Dressed in an elegant suit with a pattern of blue roses and white high-heeled shoes, Mrs Mandela swept into a hall, surrounded by a phalanx of private bodyguards, exuding the confidence of a Holly-wood star. The shine never left

we all loved Winnie. But they then started a reign of terror, burning houses and killing people," said Mrs Dlamini. her as successive witnesses who said the son she was gave evidence that cast her carrying at the time of her

Tutu: chairman of the



Hlatswayo: said he saw

beating from Mrs Mandela and other members of the club was born with learning All the alleged murders and

beatings were carried out during 1988 when Mrs Mandela was deeply involved in organising ANC guerrilla insurgent operations inside South Africa. The testimony given yesterday showed she was simultaneously orches trating a terror campaign against her own community.

Mr Sono, a prominent Soweto businessman who gave sanctuary to guerrillas in his own home, last saw his son Lolo in the back of the Mandela minibus where he was being held by two youths he did not recognize. But he had known the woman sitting in the front since 1976,

"She said that he was a police spy and that she was taking this dog away and the movement [the ANC] would decide what to do'," he said.

"I had never seen the other side of Winnie. She was very aggressive and shouting at me so I pleaded with her to let me keep Lolo at home as he had already been beaten. But she

refused." he added. The fear instilled during the football club years still gripped other witnesses. Nona Shabala, whose son disappeared the day after Lolo, his best friend and neighbour, said she had not reported him as missing to the police because she was alraid.

Mrs Shabala whimpered: "I am scared of Winnie . . . she is not scared of seeing blood on the floor of her own home. But I am afraid to see it." Mrs Mandela is expected to take

Assassin of Hani seeking amnesty

Mamelodi, South Africa: The Polish assassin of Chris Hani, the South African Communist Party leader, said yesterday that the friendliness of his police interrogator, who had plied him with alco-hol while professing to share his right-wing be-liefs, had fooled him into confessing to the murder.

Janusz Walus is seeking an amnesty from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission for the 1993 murder of Hani, one of the country's foremost black leaders. His fellow conspirator, Clive Derby-Lewis a white rightwinger also seeking an amnesty from the commission gave Walus the pistol with which he killed Hani. Both are serving life

Resuming his testimony to the commission after a three-month adjournment. Walus said he acted on orders from Derby-Lewis and the white Conservative Party (CP), which boycotted the 1994 election won by President Mandela's African National Congress. "I did this under the instructions of Clive and the CP. I agreed to take this task on myself because I believed that it could stop the takeover of power by the ANC and the Communist Party of South Africa." (Reuters)

### TB sweeps through southern **Balkans**

FROM JAMES PETTIFER IN TIKANA

WITH winter approaching, hundreds of new cases of tuberculosis are being reported across the southern Balkans in an epidemic that is

region's sanatoriums. Across hundreds of miles of mountains from the Adriatic to the Black Sea, the old scourge from before the Second World War is returning. Isolation hospitals, virtually deserted for years, are full of new patients, many of them young, with the soft cough that George Orwell and contemporaries knew so well in the industrial North of England before 1939.

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Poverty-stricken Albania is one of the worst affected countries, with about 155 deaths in the past six months attributed to the disease, mostly in far northern and northeastern areas, where most medical facilities have collapsed. However, the Tirana Sanatorium, not far from the presidential palace, on the Elbasan Road, is also crowded with patients in Dickensian

Dr Shahin Kadara, a local World Health Organisation representative, said: There is no doubt that with this disease we are facing a crisis."

# Sithole, 77, denies treason plot to blow up Mugabe

FROM JAN RAATH IN HARARE

THE Rev Ndabaningi Sithole, the once fire-breathing radical leader of Zimbabwe's black nationalist movement, went. on trial here yesterday, accused of trying to murder President Mugabe and overthrow his Government.

the Shangaan tribe of southeast Zimbabwe who support his small party, he pleaded not guilty in the High Court to treason, conspiracy and possession of arms of war. If found guilty by Judge Esmael Chatikobo, he may be hanged. Mr Sithole, 77, was arrested in November 1995 after

a member of his ZANV-



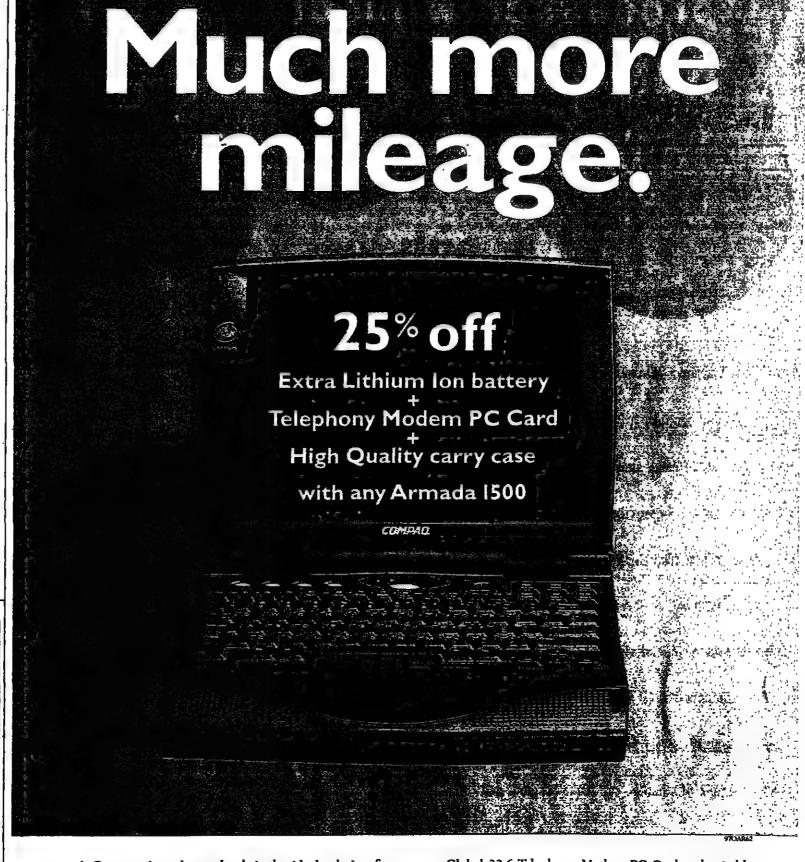
Ndonga party was caught on a main road outside the capital with a bomb just before Mr Mugabe's motorcade was due. The aide, an officer of the alleged military wing of Mr Sithole's party now serving a

15-year sentence, and other dence alleging that Mr Sithole sent young supporters for military training in Mozambique. They say that he ordered the distribution of weapons and explosives, and directed the anti-Mugabe plot.

There is no love lost between the two men. Mr Sithole headed the movement against white rule in the former Rhodesia until Mr Mugabe ousted him in 1974. Regarded as having led the start of the "armed struggle" in Rhodesia, he was jailed for six years in 1969 for plotting to kill lan Smith, the then Prime Minister

There is scepticism, however, over the threat posed by Mr Sithole. He showed little interest in the court proceedings and appeared to nod off. His lawyer, Tendai Biti, says he is "sickly and senile". Judges in the trials of other alleged conspirators called the accused amateur. The anti-

personnel mine had little chance of seriously damaging the bullet-proof presidential





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# **British con artist** offers 'Aids cure' to Kenyan patients

turned up in Kenya with what may be his cruellest hoax yet. Basil Wainwright, who once swindled the television personality Noel Edmonds out of £70,000 in a phoney powerboat scheme, is peddling unapproved treatment to dying Aids and cancer sufferers.

He says that he is giving his services free but members of Kenya's medical profession say he is making a fortune from people's suffering.

Mr Wainwright, 63 — who

is also known as Dr Stone claims he has made a breakthrough in the treatment of numerous deadly and debilitating diseases. He says that his invention of equipment using a highly reactive gas called polyatomic oxygen is the most effective means yet of combating HIV.

"I was the first scientist to successfully convert HIV-positive to negative," he told The Times at his large home and laboratory on the outskirts of

tracks down the

man who tricked Noel Edmonds out of £70,000

we've achieved 35 successful conversions from HIV-posi-tive to a state of total clinical regression of the disease. If I'm the greatest conman in the world, how did I get these

results?

He introduced a woman called Esther, 23, whose life he claims to have saved. As a result of his treatment, he said, HIV was no longer detectable in her body. He added that some formerly HIV-positive patients had even tested antibody-negative after treatment.

Kenya's medical establish-

Gateway?

Khama Rogo, the chairman of the Kenyan Medical Association. "He's a crook of the highest order. The claims he's making are outrageous."

Dr James Nyikal, the deputy chairman of the Medical Practitioners and Dentists Board, the regulatory body in man investigated. What he's doing is illegal. He's not a doctor and I don't think he's safe to treat humans."

He added that he had seen receipts and copies of cheques made out to Basil Wainwright. Some patients, he says, are being asked to pay up to 500,000 Kenyan shillings (£5,000) for treatment.

According to Dr Rogo, one American woman who inquired about Aids treatment was told a complete course would cost £12,000. "You're charged according to how wealthy you appear." he said. "If you're rich, you could be really fleeced. I know two



Basil Wainwright, in a wheelchair at his Nairobi home after a car accident, is claiming success against Aids

over £12,000 each on his treatment. They were told they were cured. Both are now

that he provides equipment, training and advice to these operations free. He received a three-year jail

sentence in 1983 for defraud-Mr Wainwright is associated with a Nairobi clinic called ing Mr Edmonds. In 1990 he Beyond 2000 and a number of was jailed for four years in the

unlicensed medical practice and selling bogus equipment. A Florida judge called him an "extreme danger to the comthorities estimate that he could have made up to El million

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Mr Wainwright's authorisation to operate in Kenya came from the Ministry of Health, which was told to short-circuit licensing procedures. The medical bodies believe the instruction came from President Moi.

to save the schilling BY ROGER BOYES JÖRG HAIDER, the leader of Austria's far-right Freedom hirac-J partner Party, yesterday launched a Save the Schilling campaign to mobilise Eurosceptics against the euro. Under Austrian law it is sufficient to gather 100,000 signatures within a week to ensure that an issue - in this

or ne

has always rejected Herr Haider's demands for a euro The Freedom Party leader calculates that he will win either way: if the Government snubs his referendum demand he will present himself as the true voice of the people: if the Government accepts a poll; the old splits over Europe can be exploited. In either situation, Herr Haider will be able to stir up considerable

case a referendum on partici-

pation in European economic

and monetary union (EMU) -

is brought before parliament.

The petitioners cannot, how-

ever, force the hand of the

ruling Social Democrat/-People's Party coalition that

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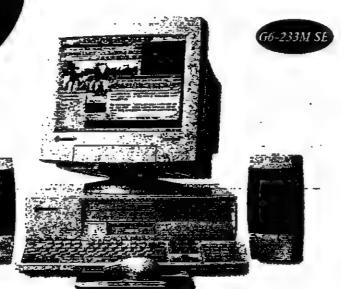
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#### **WORLD IN BRIEF**

# Indian coalition on verge of collapse

neared its end yesterday after a row with the party which had been keeping it in power forced parliament to be suspended.

Inder Kumar Gujral's centre-left coalition formally rejected a demand by its Congress Party ally to drop a southern party from the federal Government. The lower house of parliament was indefinitely adjourned, and is expected to be dissolved, after MPs from Congress and the regional Dravida Munnetra Kazagham brought proceedings to a halt by shouting at each other.

Congress wants the regional party removed from the Government after an investigation into the assassination of Rajiv Gandhi, the former Prime Minister, six years ago linked the grouping with Tamil separatists in Sri Lanka. (Reuters)

#### Septuplet suffers setback

Des Moines: One of the world's only septuplets, born last week to Bobbi and Kenny McCaughey, has been put back on a breathing device. The hospital said Joel, the last-born, had breathing problems and his condition had changed from fair to serious. His brothers and sisters were all doing well although only one. Kenneth, the first-born, was breathing on his own. (Reuters)

#### Pressure for 'Reagan' airport

Washington: Momentum is building among Republicans to rename Washington National airport after Ronald Reagan, right (Ian Brodie writes). They hope to pass a Bill endorsing the idea before Mr Reagan's 87th birthday on February 6. Then it would be up to President Clinton, a Democrat, to sign the measure, which has won backing from all 32 Republican state governors, led by George Allen, Governor of Virginia, where the



#### Ban on cheating sparks riot

Quetta, Pakistan: Students went on the rampage, forcing a university campus to close, after being refused the right to cheat in exams, officials said. Police were called to the Engineering and Technology faculty at Khuzdar, in the southwest of the country. Student leaders said they had been told the authorities would look the other way if they cheated. (Reuters)

### Fugitive faces extradition

Athens: Extradition hearings have begun for an Italian fugitive initially linked to the 1978 murder of Aldo Moro, Italy's former Prime Minister. Authorities here had said that Enrico Bianco was arrested in connection with that case, but later they said the warrant had failed to mention the 1981 acquittal in absentia of Bianco, who is also sought on robbery and drug charges. (AP)

### Plane that took off on its own



Chicago: Aviation officials are investigating how a vintage propeller plane took off without its pilot and flew nearly 100 miles for more than an hour before crash-landing into a farm field, left. The 50-year-old, single-engine Aeronica Champ. which took off from Urbana Grimes Field near Dayton, Ohio, after pilot Paul Sirks got out to hand-crank the propeller, buzzed the field and then flew north before running out of fuel and crashing. (Reuters)

### Children die in film stampede

Kayes, Mali: Seven children died during a stampede here when the borror film they were watching suddenly stopped, plunging the cinema into darkness, police said. The children, aged from 0 to 12, were watching a film called A Two-Headed Man when the projector stopped. Apparently one child started screaming in the darkness and a stampede ensued. (AFP)

### Greek village protests curbed

Athens: Police clamped martial law-style restrictions on Olympiada and neighbouring Varvara in northern Greece where there have been violent protests against a planned Canadian gold-processing plant. Olympiada's local president was among four people questioned after 99 petrol bombs, three barrels of chemicals, and spent bullets were found at a checkpoint. (AP)

### Sabbath rest from virtual pet

Jerusalem: An ultra-Orthodox rabbi in the northern town of Safed has ruled that virtual pets should fend for themselves on the Jewish sabbath, an Israeli newspaper reported, it said he gave the decision to a strictly observant Jewish youth who rebelled against letting his pet "die" every week. (AP)

# Clamour for new anthem after Italian footballers did not know the score

FROM RICHARD OWEN

PRESSURE is growing for a new Italian national anthem after complaints by Professor Romani Prodi, the Prime Minister, that few Italians seem to know the present one, which was written 150 years ago. Top favourites for a replacement include Verdi's Chorus of the

Hebrew Slaves.
Signor Prodi's concern appar-

ently came to a head a week ago when, shortly before the World Cup finals qualifying match between Italy and Russia, only one of the Italian players — Fabrizio Ravanelli, the former Middlesbrough player — knew any of the words. The rest of the team stayed silent during the anthem (which many Italians privately consider archaic and turgid). Italian television reported that the Prime Minister was worried that Italy

would "be made to look foolish in the eyes of a global audience" if its national team stayed mute during the World Cup in France next year.

"Only Ravanelli's lips moved at all at the start of the match with Russia," the Rome daily // Messaggero said. "Our lads have acquired bad habits. They should sing to show that our Italian hearts beat in unison and are full of natrioric sentiment."

atriotic sentiment."

Cesare Romiti, the chairman of

Fiat, also expressed concern. "Somebody should tell the players that the national anthem is a symbol of Italy and is therefore

worth singing." he said.

But Panorama magazine said:
"The truth is that very few people know the anthem, so perhaps we should change it." The anthem, properly entitled Fratelli d'Italia (Brothers of Italy), was written by Goffredo Mameli, a poet and revolutionary who fought for a

united Italy and died aged 22 while defending the short-lived Roman Republic of 1849. Mameli's death made him a hero of the Risorgimento, which culminated in the unification of Italy in 1860, with Victor Emmanuel II of Savoy proclaimed King the following

Mameli's anthem includes such stirring lines as "For centuries we have been downtrodden and depeople, we were divided. Let us take up a single flag to bind us together, for now the hour has struck." But II Messaggero said no one could be expected to sing "impossible" words such as "Brothers of Italy, Italy is woken, with Scipio's helmet she has girded her head."

nudes such The Mameli anthem was nurries we described as provisional, but has a and denever been replaced. Many Itale not one ians favour Va, pensiero, sull'ali dorate, more popularly known as the Chorus of the Hebrew Slaves. from Verdi's Nabucco. The separatist Northern League, led by Umberto Bossi, has attempted to adopt the theme as the anthem for its proposed North Italian state of "Padania", arguing that since he was born at Busseto near Parma and died in Milan, Verdi was a "Padanian" himself. In fact, Verdi was a leading champion of Italian

# Squabbles mar Chirac-Jospin 'partnership'

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

INSULTS flew between the rival camps of Lionel Jospin and President Chirac yesterday, amid predictions that their uneasy power-sharing "cohabitation" is heading for an early break-up.

For the first time since his election victory six months ago, the Socialist Prime Minister took a direct swipe at M Chirac, mocking the conservative President for mistakenly calling the election that has forced him to share power with a left-wing government.

Responding to M Chirac's

Responding to M Chirac's criticisms of his "hazardous experimentation" in employment policy, M Jospin, speaking at the Socialist congress in Brest at the weekend, pointed out that the President himself was no stranger to political hazards.

"That reminds me of a

"That reminds me of a hazardous experiment that took place on April 21, 1997," M Jospin said, referring to M Chirac's ill-fated decision to dissolve parliament and call elections which brought the Socialists to power.

"Cohabitation" between the two most powerful men in France is proving increasingly fractious, and M Jospin's wilningness to lash out at the man whom he referred to only as "the other head of the executive" is a sign of his growing

popularity and confidence. Philippe Seguin, head of the Gaullist RPR party, dismissed M Jospin's remarks as arrogance, while Jean-Louis Debré, the Interior Minister in the former conservative Government, said the Prime Minister had become aggressive after finding himself isolated from other European leaders on the issue of employment at

the Luxembourg summit.

The latest polls show that M Jospin is admired by 69 per cent of French voters, including a majority of opposition supporters, and his judicious handling of the recent lorry drivers' strike has been hailed as proof of his efficient, if unexciting, style. By contrast, only 6 per cent of voters believe M Chirac is still in control of France.

Technically, the uncomfortable power-sharing arrangement could last five years, but M Chirac has the power to call another election a year after the last, and many observers predict that, following the latest acrimonious exchanges, "cohabitation" is doomed to an early death.

Jacques Delors, the Socalist former President of the European Commission, said he was convinced the power-sharing arrangement would not last. He predicted there

would be either legislative or presidential elections before the five years were up. "How long can you go on with an executive with two heads?" M Delors said in a television interview.

That view was echoed on the Right by Charles Pasqua, the former Gaullist minister, who said he strongly doubted that the "cohabitation" would continue for the full term.

Boosted by M Jospin's popularity, the Socialists have made it abundantly clear that M Chirac can expect a serious confrontation if he exceeds his presidential brief by taking issue with government policy, as he has over M Jospin's plans to reduce the working week to 35 hours. M Chirac was on an official visit to French Guiana yesterday and declined to comment on the

François Hollande, who will succeed M Jospin as First Secretary of the Socialist Party, offered M Chirac what looked suspiciously like a threat. "The President must not confuse his role. He is the head of state, but he must not be leader of the Opposition, at least not all the time."

M Chirac may decide to stake his presidency on another election at the first opportunity.



A policewoman stands guard outside the Paris court-house yesterday where 38 fundamentalists faced charges of helping Algerian terrorists

# Muslim radicals on trial over French bombings

FROM BEN MACINTURE IN PARIS

A GROUP of 38 Islamic fundamentalists went on trial in Paris yesterday, charged with helping Algerian terrorists to carry out a bombing campaign in France in 1995.

Anti-riot police set up a tight cordon around the courthouse and security was also

heavy in some Metro stations, with soldiers and police armed with machineguns patrolling the underground platforms.

platforms.

Most of those in the dock are the sons of North African Muslim immigrants, who were born in France and allegedly recruited by the Armed Islamic Group (GIA), the most radical of the rebel

the regime in Algiers. The GIA claimed responsibility for the wave of bomb attacks in France in which eight people died and more than 170 were injured.

170 were injured.

The 38 accused men have been charged with providing logistical support for the terrorists, but their lawyers say they should not have to face

trial until the individuals who French GIA network who planted the bombs are remains at large. brought to justice. Several The attacks in France were

suspects have been killed by

security forces in France and

alleged to have been recruited

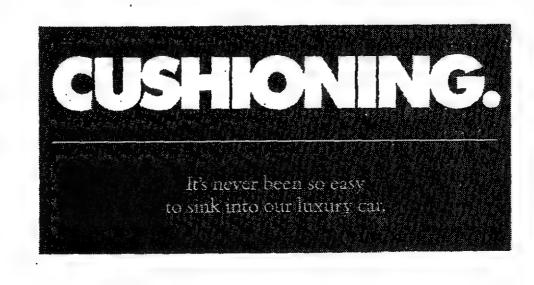
in the immigrant housing estates around Lyons by Ali

Touchent, alias Tarek, the 30-

year-old ringleader of the

Most of the defendants are

carried out, the GIA said at the time, in retaliation for French support for the Algerian Government. The bombings brought Algeria's violent insurgency to French territory for the first time since Islamic militants began their campaign in 1992.



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Syohei Nozawa, centre, president of Yamaichi Securities, and Shoji Saotome, left, its chairman, bow before a press conference called to announce the liquidation

# US pledges 'doomsday' fix

PRESIDENT CLINTON and other Pacific Rim leaders, racing to calm global fears about a "financial doomsday", yesterday pledged to take immediate steps to prevent the Asian crisis spreading.

But the unfamiliar gloom of financial turmoil hung over the opening of the Asia-Pacific Economic Co-operation (Apec) forum in Vancouver. The leaders, shunning the meeting's traditional cele-bration of the "Asian economic miracle", said it would take massive financial injections and potentially explosive political reforms to prevent the crisis worsening.

"The turmoil ... cannot be waved away by brave talk that it is just a passing difficulty. It is a wake-up call for all our countries," said President Ramos of the Philippines. Thailand, the first country shaken by the crisis, gave a warning that if Apec's response were "anything less than large and dramatic", the predicament would worsen. In two days of talks, leaders of 18 countries will throw

Bronwen Maddox reports from the Vancouver summit

their support behind a financial rescue effort led by the International Monetary Fund, aided by America and Japan. Mr Clinton played down talk of catastrophe in the wake of Asian bank failures, currency devaluations and stock market plunges, calling the problems "a few little glitches in the road. We're working through them."

With an eye to his home audience, he emphasised that the IMF deal would not demand an enormous American contribution. "Our commitment is limited but significant enough," he said.

After the collapse yesterday of Yamaichi Securities, Japan's fourth-largest broker, Ryutaro Hashimoto, the Japanese Prime Minister, pledged to stabilise his country's financial system, shaken by bad loans and a plunging stock market. The Bank of Japan also moved fast to bolster confidence. saying it would offer Yamaichi

loans and provide funds to shore up the country's financial system. South Korea's decision on Friday to bite the bullet and ask the IMF for a \$20 billion (Ell.9 billion) bailout of its stricken banks helped to ease concerns that its financial woes

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would spread. But President Kim Young Sam said the austerity package would demand years of bone-carving pain". Thailand and Indonesia have already subscribed to multimillion-dollar IMF-led rescue packages. It was inevitable that

spread in the past week from some of the fastest-growing countries of South-East Asia to the mature giants of South Korea and Japan, would consume Apec's attention. But American officials were determined to carry on with business as usual, pressing for more trade

However, as bilateral meetings began. America was drumming up only lukewarm support for a pact to liberalise financial markets. The World Trade Organisation has set a December 12 deadline for a deal. John Howard, the Australian Prime Minister, stood out in supporting the US position, calling on leaders to look beyond the current crisis and help to prevent future

Apec members also looked set to reach grudging agreement on even-tual liberalisation of nine markets: chemicals, timber, medical equipment, telecom equipment, energy.

environmental products, jewelry. fish and toys. America is pressing Japan for more access to airline routes and for less red tape. Madeleine Albright, the US Secretary of State, said the recent sharp rise in the American trade deficit with Japan may hurt relations between the two, and urged Japan to boost demand at home. The trade gap surged by 7 per cent to \$5.1 billion in September, accord-

However, Mr Clinton, who elevated Apec to the status of a summit in 1993, has been undermined by the recent refusal of Congress to give him "fast-track" trade negotiating powers, or to give an extra \$3.5 billion to the IMF.

The sole ebullient figure yesterday was President Jiang Zemin of China, even though he was pursued around rainy Vancouver streets by hundreds of chanting human rights demonstrators. Mr Jiang said that China's economy was in excellent shape and a force for stability in the region.

# Drama touches lives of millions

THE drama of Japan's biggest corporate failure since the Second World War is being played out remorselessly on television.

As compelling as any royal wedding or funeral, the events of this week will touch the lives of tens of millions of Japanese people, from farmers to housewives, from gangsters to businessmen and schoolchildren.

Less than ten years ago. Yamaichi Securities bestrode the world's capital markets like a colossus as one of the country's Big Four brokers. The Big Four were the biggest, best and most profitable brokers in the world.

Japan's stock market was roaring ahead, creating vast and easy profits for the Big Four, for their favoured clients and for investors. The four firms threw regular lavish parties to impress foreign and Japanese clients, dotted with geisha hostesses, ice sculptures that melted away at £500-an-hour and mountains of

the most overthy expensive sushi. On New Year's Eve 1989 the Big Four decided, as a little private game, to put their collective might together to see if they

could push the stock market's Nikkei average, the barometer of Japan's financial and economic health, over 40,000. They failed. The economic bubble — a fiveyear rush from 1985 of colossal speculative growth based

on a strong yen and cheap credit - was pricked when Yasushi Mieno, an austere career bureaucrat, took over as the Central Bank's Governor and raised interest rates.

Over the next few years as he repeatedly raised rates, share prices more than halved, land prices dropped by three fifths and the share and property boom was

shown up as a conjuring trick.

The slump affected all sectors of society. The heads of securities firms resigned for making underthe table payments to clients who had lost money. Gangsters were caught with large wads of in-creasingly worthless shares and heavily indebted small companies started going bankrupt. At the bottom of the pile, thousands of small investors, lured by the

Japan's economic bubble has been pricked by a series of disasters, writes

### Joanna Pitman

legions of formidable securities salesmen from Yamaichi and its competitors, saw hard-carned savings disappearing.

The economic gloom was ac-companied by other disasters. some natural, that became linked collectively in the public imagination. In February 1995 the biggest earthquake in 70 years struck the southern city of Kobe, killing more than 5,000 people and revealing dire inadequacies in the leadership of the Government

and emergency services.

A few months later, the Aum Shinrikyo religious cult decided to experiment with some of its chemical weapons and released small quantities of deadly sarin

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gas on the Tokyo subway during rush hour. To deepen the sense of gloom this year. Yamaichi Securities, which with 100 years of history had counted itself as a relatively venerable member of

the broking fraternity, found itself caught up in a pay-off scandal with the three other big brokers.

The company's former president and five other executives are among a host of brokerage industry officials who were arrested for making illegal payments to sokalya (extortionist gangsters) to prevent them from disclosing embarrassing information at the annual shareholder meeting.

The potential implications of Yamaichi Securities' closure are dramatic Many will suspect that the other brokers have the same problems. But the aim of the Finance Ministry will be to avoid a collapse in investor confidence in the wider Japanese financial system during the crucial run-up to its "Big Bang" deregulation reforms scheduled for next year. inton's ids put h

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# of millions aids but him back aids put him back in touch with press

HIS weight and cholesterol are both down, his injured his energy level is high, but at 51 President Clinton now wears a symbol of advancing

age: a pair of hearing aids. Mr Clinton was diagnosed last month as having highfrequency hearing loss in both ears, making it difficult for him to hear in a crowded room, or even when heckled during a speech. Last week he was fitted with tiny cone-shaped devices that hide discreetly in his auditory canals. They are noticeable only by those with a direct view into

He was wearing them in Vancouver yesterday during the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum. "They're spokesman, Mike McCurry, who said they might even lead to the President hearing reporters' questions with greater clarity. Then again, most pres-

idents have remarkably selecare both down, his injured tive hearing when fielding knee has fully recovered and awkward press inquiries.

Mr Clinton is wearing the aids for short periods as he gets used to them and will gradually increase the amount of time he keeps them in his ears. He has complained for years about hearing loss, and during his latest physical check-up his doctors found a "slight worsening". The damage, is believed to

have been caused by music. including his own saxophoneplaying, and by exposure to hunting rifles fired close to his ears when he was growing up in Arkansas.

Now that the President has admitted his impairment in public, other victims of hearing damage want him to lead a crusade to save the ears of today's Generation X. They are considered at even more music at full blast through

proposed by Kathy Peck, whose hearing was damaged by playing in a punk rock band. She is director of a nonprofit group in San Francisco. Education and Awareness for Rockers (Hear). It was established with financial help from Pete Townsend of the British rock group The

ences. Ms Peck said that ear plugs were often worn nowadays by musicians and disc jockeys, and there was a growing market for headsets equipped with a built-in switch to reduce sound levels. Hearing-aid makers are reicing at gaining such an important role model as the

resident. Now only about one

in five Americans with hear

ing loss seek help; but almost

everyone with failing eyesight

is prepared to wear glasses.

He is among a number of

rock musicians concerned

about hearing loss among themselves and their audi-



President Clinton in a noisy jazz session with the saxophonist Joe Henderson

# Baby boomers pay price for all those years of 'unsafe sax'

By Nigel Hawkes, science editor

PRESIDENT CLINTON is Clinton was examined. Jokes one of 28 million people in the United States who suffer from hearing loss. Most experts expect the numbers to soar as today's disco generation

Modest hearing loss is common among the middle-aged, especially those such as Mr Clinton who spent years play-ing in a band. His recent exposure to helicopter noise cannot have helped.

The fine hair cells in the ear slowly die with age, squeezing the hearing runge at both extremes. Loss of high frequencies, which is what President Clinton suffers, makes it harder for him to hear people talking in a crowded room.

There is a genetic component in hearing loss, with some people surviving unscathed noise levels that

would quickly deafen others. \*High-frequency hearing loss is mostly due to noise exposure, usually as a teenager listening to rock music or playing in bands, such as he did," said Dr James Suen. of the National Naval Medical Centre in Bethesda, where Mr

minor infirmity anchors him even more firmly as the representative of the baby boomer generation, which grew up at a time when amplified music was becoming louder and

The Walkman generation is likely to suffer even greater hearing loss when they reach Mr Clinton's age — he is 51. Earphones can easily generate sound levels of 110 decibels. els of 140 decibels.

These are far above the levels permitted in the workplace. American standards indicate that continuous exdecibels will eventually harm hearing. At 95 decibels, four hours' exposure a day will eventually cause damage. while at 115 decibels, just 15 minutes a day will cause

Audiologists are more and more people with moderate hearing loss. The process is painless and

# White House hopes snub to Netanyahu will hasten peace

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON AND CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

THE White House yesterday admitted that a series of snub to Binyamin Netanyahu, the Israeli Prime Minister, were designed to increase pressur on him for rapid progress on Middle East peace.

America's weakening surport among Arab states duiing the recent showdown with Iraq has in part been blameji by Washington on the stagnation of peace talks in the region. Officials said that President Clinton's refusal to see Mr Netanyahu during his visit to the United States last week and the White House welcome on Friday for Shimon Peres, the former Israeli Prime Minister, were intended as signals of increas-

The United States wants Israel to announce a "serious and credible" withdrawal of troops from the West Bank. originally scheduled for September under peace accords with the Palestinians. During a recent meeting with Mr Netanyahu in London, Madeleine Albright, the Secretary of State, made it clear that the past 11 months had failed to produce the required momentum necessary for future

During a White House cere-

became the first recipient of a peace award named after Yitzhak Rabin, the assassinated Israeli Prime Minister, the President pointedly extolled the virtues of Rabin and Mr Peres while making no mention of Mr Netanyahu. Israeli newspapers carried accounts of private conversations be-tween Mr Clinton and Mr Peres in which he is said to have expressed frustration with the Israeli Government.

Mr. Netanyahu faced pressure of a different kind at home yesterday when the Land of Israel Front, which has at least 17 supporters in the 120-seat Knesset where the Prime Minister has a 66-54 no-confidence motion against the Government

The threat came after an Israel Radio report that Mr Netanyahu was planning to give a further 6-8 per cent of the occupied West Bank back to the Palestinians. The front accused the Prime Minister of buckling under US pressure.

Leading members of Labour and Meretz, left-wing opposition parties, said there next year, halfway through Mr Neranyahu's term.

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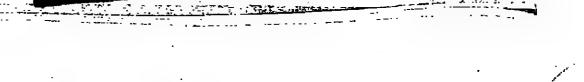
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# 'I don't try to smile any more. They don't come'

Chris suffers from autism. He and his wife tell Anjana Ahuja how it affects their marriage

party. Engage him in conversation, and he seems aloof. uninterested or, worse, haughty. During our chat in the sitting room of his semidetached home in Hertfordshire, he fiddles with his fingers and flicks through an electronics magazine. He is very polite but there is little eye contact and few smiles. "I

don't try to smile any more," he says wistfully. "They 'He didn't just don't come." From the time he seem to went to boarding school, aged 11, unknow how til a year ago. Chris, a 32-year-old to respond computer support specialist, resigned if I was

upset'

failure. I would see people talking to each other, and I knew that I couldn't be like them. I felt, and still do feel,

himself to a life of isolation. "Every

time a person

walked away from

quite envious." Even though he managed to marry a student from his Russian course at Manchester University. his behaviour began to affect his marriage. At first, Gisela, 41, thought Chris was endearingly eccentric. She recalls: "When we that he was very good at Russian but extremely shy."

support when her first marriage was ending. They wed three years ago. She recalls: "Chris didn't get down on one knee or anything like that. It was more a rational decision. Chris was applying to read 'wife' would look better on the application form. And we

But later on. he just didn't seem to know how to respond if I was upset. It got

so bad that I would go into the kitchen piece of crockery to throw. We talked parting about because I was becoming jonely." very Her suspicions were realised, Gi-

sela reveals in a

Channel 4 docu-

wanted to be

mentary to mark Autism Awareness Anthropologist on Mars, by Oliver Sacks. "I couldn't believe it. I was reading about Chris." The chapter that so absorbed her was a case study of Asperger's syndrome, a mild form of autism. The syndrome, which affects more than 200,000 adults and children in the UK, manifests itself in two main ways - an awkwardness in social interactions and an almost obses-

sive desire for order. The

condition makes it impossible

to read and react to emotional

traits immediately. Chris was perfectly capable at work, because he knew what he was talking about. But he was

hopeless at social gatherings.

Chris seemed unable to

muster the insignificant, frivoand body language that sustains conversation. The punctuation of human interaction the occasional nod, smile, thoughtful gaze, raised eyebrow, hum of agreement was simply missing from his vocabulary. That was why people found him difficult to deal with. As a result, his friendships had been forged through common and practical interests rather than through camaraderie. His late ambition to become a doctor, a iob in which social skills are as important as academic ability, was thwarted because his three interviews were disastrous. "I think I came across as monotonous," he says. He will not apply again.

parts of the puzzle began to fall into place, too. Chris had always hated boarding school, where the regime clashed with his own sense of order. He loathed living at such close quarters with his schoolmates, who were for ever pestering him to ioin their games. He immersed himself in computers them and his schoolmasters, who regarded him as very bright but extremely reserved. Gisela remembered how



Chris and Gisela: a visit to a psychologist confirmed their suspicions. They are convinced that the visit, and subsequent advice, saved their marriage

"clinical" his student room was. And now, she realised, his preoccupation with neatness was surfacing again. Chris was becoming increas-

'organised chaos" at home. Today, the chaos is being kept in check, although George, their five-year-old

son, is crying, the telephone is ringing and Olivia, Gisela's vivacious 16-year-old daughter from her first marriage, has popped her head round the friend's house. Chris uses the distractions to sneak another

look at his magazine. A degree of untidiness. Giela points out, is inevitable given the demands on her time. In addition to a full-time job as a civil servant, Gisela looks after Olivia and two sons from her first marriage, George, and three cats. But

Chris still found it intolerable. He savs: "If I came Chris can home and found that the kids hadn't now brave washed up or tidied their rooms. I some would go mad." He disliked the hordes events of teenagers that crowded the house such as wh<del>en</del> Olivia, or her boisterous brother.

a pub quiz home (Hugh, 19, is at university). But his enthusiasm for orderliness seemed excessive. One incldent that particularly exasperated Gisela was when the couple, both lovers of classical music, replaced their vinyl records with CDs. Chris decided to file them according to the composer's date of birth. "I didn't know these birthdates, so I couldn't find anything."

rearrange them. Wouldn't it be more sensible, I ask Chris, to order them alphabetically according to the composer's name? He looks blank for a minute and says, in a manner not unlike Dr

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it makes it worse. And many

prescribed drugs have adverse

effects. But there are qualified

people who now specialise in

Gisela says. She made him

Spock from Star Trek: "But that wouldn't be... logical." Why? "If you know when the composer was born, you know what style of music you're

two-hour consultation with a psychologist confirmed their suspicions. The couple, who do not want their surname used, are convinced that the visit, and subsequent advice, saved their marriage. But, before that, there was uncertainty and apprehension. Gisela vividly remenbers waiting to see the

consultant: "It sounds terrible but l felt like a loser both ways. On the one hand, if he didn't have Asperger's it would mean I had married someone socially inferior. And if he did have Asperger's, i would be denied the intuitive side of our relationship."

After initial feelings of relief, Chris felt overwhelmed by depression, because he felt doomed to a life of "never fitting in". He had suffered depression before at university, but those negative emotions dissipated after meeting Gisela. The diagnosis seemed a backward step.

From Gisela's point of view. however, it rescued the relationship. "I realised that Chris simply couldn't read me, and that's why he was not responding. Now I spell out how I'm feeling, and he is learning how to respond. It has allowed us to make a fresh start." The diagnosis has helped Chris's

parents, too, who used to sela reveals that Chris "had wonder why the eldest of their tears in his eyes" when George two sons remained silent at the

dinner table. The process of grasping the painful and sometimes touchingly funny affair for Chris. who thinks very carefully and often looks to his wife for inspiration before answering

or example, if Gisela says she is upset or tired or run-down, Chris will retort: "Well. I'm sorry to hear that." Unfortunately, Gisela reveals, his well-intentioned responses can emerge in an incongruously bright tone of voice. "It can make him sound rather odd," Gisela laughs. "But at least I know that he is making the effort. And he is wonderful at doing practical things, once he is told somebody needs

help.
"Now, instead of reading his reactions. I try to look behind them. He is much easier to understand." Chris mentions several

times that he is not a robot without feeling. "I have a full emotional life in here," he says, touching his chest, "but it's the external expression that's lacking." He looks slightly embarrassed as Gi-

took his first, faltering steps. The teenagers are still a challenge. Chris is learning to but says the situation is made more delicate because of his

status as step-parent. He says: "I feel our relationship should be better, but I don't really ( know what to do about it or if there is anything I can do." Aided by medication to ease anxiety. Chris can now brave some social events, such as pub quizzes. Gisela has resigned herself to attending other engagements alone. know I'll have a better time." she says, matter-of-factly. In a marriage, gestures and

subtle signals sometimes express far more than words ever can. Gisela doesn't seem mind that she and her husband will never develop this rich and intimate dialogue. She points out that no relationship is perfect. "I recall someone saying that people with Asperger's never marry," she says. "OK, so Chris is never going to be wildly romantic, but who is? At least I know he has the will to make this marriage work. How many wives can say that?"

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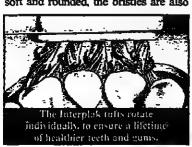
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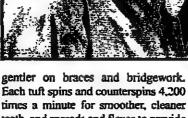
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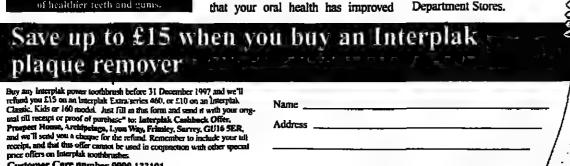
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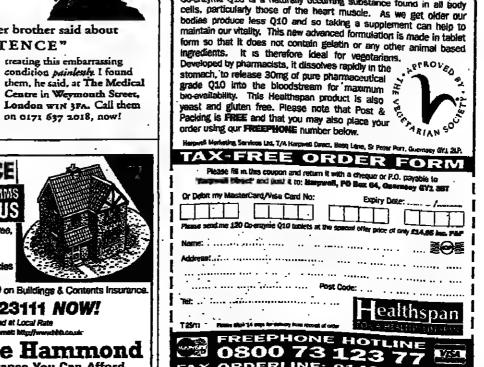
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dressmaking and idolised Betty Grable; from that defining moment when the young John Inman threaded the first needle, his parents knew the boy was never to be a professional footballer.

His mother, still going strong at 87 and living in Blackpool, was a hairdresser. So was his late father - "a heavy drinker who made me my first model theatre". At one time his parents had

five shops in Preston. They then gave up the business to buy an eight-bedroom board-



John Inman: home bird

ing house in Blackpool. 1: seaside was infinitely prefe. ble to a mill town and the lu a of the greasepaint was already strong, he says. But Inman seems reluctant to talk about any aspect of his life in detail.

For an actor who trades on stage in broad indiscretion and double entendre, he is surprisingly po-faced in real life. It is almost as though he resents, and perhaps fears,

Home is a refuge and his private life is to be guarded icalously. Journalists, even if expected, are made to feel a little uncomfortable. There is no cup of tea, not even the offer of a seat. The interview must be carried out on his terms one provided before a limoutelevision studio.

It is a disappointment to realise that a performer who can manufacture laughter so easily has little to offer when off-stage. I was looking for-

ward to meeting Inman - who is, after all. one of our national treasures - and rather taken aback to discover a man who seems cold and rather dismissive.

He trusts his I can turn mother and a few close friends but perhaps the rest of the world is to be regarded with suspicion. So, stick to the obvious ques-

tions: how did you get started some at the BBC who still in showbusiness? "Mother Goose was an ear-

ly role model. I saw the pantomime and became infatuated with her part - it wasn't just dressing up, there was some real acting involved," he

Born in Preston in 1935, inman was to leave school at 15 and become a window dresser at a Blackpool outlitters. He saw the job as a staging post to the limelight and spent his spare time appearing in the local rep.

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s a child, he stock-piled sequins, per-lected the art of suppose it had been a childhood ambition to act, to create an illusion.

"I thought Betty Grable was just marvellous. She always looked perfect; never a hair out of place or a crooked seam." The lines are delivered with

characteristic high camp inflection. Clearly Imman has used them before when explaining his childhood passions. He says that he has always felt comfortable in frocks, the more sequins the better. But Inman admits that he is less comfortable playing himself out of costume. "I don't know if I am gay or

not, I don't think about sex a great deal. I have a few good friends I can turn to if I get low and I know I can trust them."

Although pantomime is his great love, television brought nim financial security and a £600,000 mews house near Little Venice in West Landon. But give me the stage rather than the studio and the cameras any day," he says."I've never liked television rehearsals. I am one of those performers that says 'let's just get on with it and it's my job to raise a laugh out of somebody else's At 62, he seems genuinely

surprised that Mr Humphries, the mincing menswear assistant he created for Are You Being Served?, has taken America by storm more than 13 years after the Brothers department store. He is regularly mobbed by young from Manhattan to Miami.

"Mr Humphries has been very good to me. But I can't help wondering why these people are still wanting me to call out 'I'm free'.

"It's astonishing that the series goes into 75 per cent of American homes. In San Francisco a while ago hundreds of people paid to have tea with me. I went from table to table, chatting and answering aquestions about Mrs Slocombe's pussy.

"It was exhausting. I had to go and lie down in a darkened sine arrives to take him to a room afterwards. The odd thing is that everyone knows the shows better than I do. I suppose it was all so long ago. They'll ask me what an episode was all about and I

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doing summer farces in Blackhave absolutely no idea! They pool before getting his big break in pantomime as an don't know half the cast have ugly sister in Cinderella at died. The success of Are You Being Coventry. He also worked Served? means III with the late Sid James, did small television parts, but was never have to fear the breadline essentially a man for two again. But, for all seasons: summer shows and that, I will never

stop working." "It's been a full life - very He still sees forenjoyable. I have been lucky enough to succeed at what ! mer members of love and what I do best," he staff from Grace told an interviewer some years Brothers and enjoys the camarade-

this day. You build bonds with

people that are never broken

people forget their own trou-bles, even for a moment, then I

have achieved my goal."

At the age of 20 he was

you see each other."

However, Inman is curiousrie. They are all surprised that, ly subdued when we meet, almost depressed. His featureven now, there are ing role next week in the consider some of the lines a Channel 4 series Pantoland has done little to improve his "Wendy Richard, who now "During next Monday's proof course stars in EastEnders.

is a close friend. I suppose we gramme i am shown on both owe some of our success camera in a dress, but minus wig and no make-up. I look to Are You Being Served? and very strange, like someone from a horror film," he says, are both surprised that quips from the Seventies were cut irritably. The whole point of pantomime is to create a "Mollie Sugden (the bluecharacter, and that's particurinsed Mrs Slocombe) is larly important for a dame. another member of the cast that I keep in contact with. We Down the years I have never been photographed before I was ready and I don't think illusions should be shattered used to say of her: a mother first, a cook second, an actress third, but always a good

like this."There is no point in friend. That remains true to wearing a woman's costume if people are made aware that the character is not really a woman. I've been doing pantotonic, he says. "If I have made and this has never happened before."

> Jnman genuinely cares about this most peculiarly British art form. "There's nowhere else in the world that this blend of music-hall, slapstick and so much more could

his assistant, shields the actor

from intruders and ensures that authorised visitors wipe their feet on the doormat.

"I'm a home bird," Inman says. "I don't go out clubbing and I don't like being expected to run into rooms shouting

Are You Being Served? is taking America by storm

flourish and we should be 'I'm free' - would you? At 62, I'm heading towards the age proud of pantomime." when I can have a bus pass His London home is as ordered and attractive as any and I am quite content with of the window settings he my life - nothing is missing.

"Mother Goose was an early role model. I saw the pantomime and became infatuated with her part — it wasn't just dressing up, there was some real acting involved"

there is nothing left that I have dressed in his youth. Ronny. to fight for." His mother would like him to have married and had

children, Indeed, there was a time when Inman talked of starting a family. In the early Nineties he collapsed with chronic bron-

chitis and his own survival became paramount. "I'd been in pantomime and picked up a very bad cold. Foolishly, I tried to work through it. But one day I couldn't breathe, it was very frightening."
He kicked his 60-a-day

smoking habit while in hospital and put on two stone after doctors prescribed steroids to ease his chest problems. Despite dieting, he has not lost the weight and still occasionally pines for a cigarette. That was in 1993 and there

have been days since when I have so hungry that I could have eaten the table. Food is still a big weakness and so is He has suffered chest prob-

lems since and remains on medication, "The doctors told me a third attack would be my last. It was frightening - a brush with mortality." His comfort now is perform-

ing. "I love the stage — it goes right back to my childhood. I was knee-high to a grasshopper when I made the decision and everybody thought I was mad. Now it is so wonderful to

walk through a stage door and know you belong - these people are all members of your

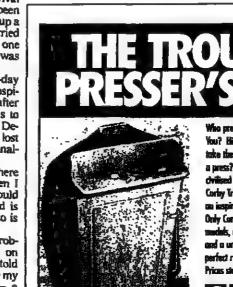
He shakes his head a little he is ever lonely in the luxurious seclusion of his home. "Remaining single is a decision I made some time ago -I'm married to my career. It's very important to me, the

spend my days in a little attic room all by myself. It's just acting than I could ever have ner. That may sound selfish but I have to look after myself. I don't want the responsibility of caring for someone else."

alone, though I don't want to

■ Pantoland, 8.30pm, next Monvery important to me, the biggest chunk of my life.

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# We really are rolling in money

Anatole Kaletsky on the

dilemma facing Mr Brown

performing economy in Europe, as we keep reading in the papers, why does there seem to be less money for schools to buy textbooks and hire teachers? If Britain is a model economy viewed enviously by its neighbours, why must the sick wait in agony for months, or even years, before they can have their opera-

If Tony Blair has a new vision of social cohesion which blends the compassion of Nye Bevan with the efficiency of Margaret Thatcher, why has his Government run out of money to continue Tory programmes for supporting the disabled and the unemployed? And if this new model Britain has the strongest public fi-nances in Europe, effortlessly meeting the Maastricht treaty constraints, why can't the Government afford to keep open the theatres, universities and museums which survived and thrived in the days when Britain was an economic basket-case?

The answers to these questions - or, more accurately, the single answer - will be clearly implicit in Gordon Brown's Pre-Budget Report today. That answer is simply that Mr Blair and

the Chancellor do not really want to do any of these things. They do not want to rebuild Britain's schools. They do not want to shorten NHS waiting lists. They do not want to support the poor and disabled. And

they do not want to preserve Britain's cultural and intellec-These statements may

sound outrageous, but the Chancellor will present incontrovertible evidence about his true motivations this afternoon. The pre-Budget statement will show that national income is, indeed, growing strongly and will continue to do so, it will show that the new deregulated Britain is, indeed, a model economy in its simultaneous achievement of low inflation and falling (although still high) unemployment. And it will show that Britain's public finances are the strongest in Europe, with a very government deficit, which will turn into a rapidly growing surplus from next year onwards. Under these circumstances.

government claims that "there is no money" for improve-ments in health, education or other public spending programmes are quite simply false. There is plenty of money in the Treasury — a probable surplus of about £3 billion next year, rising to perhaps £20 billion annually by 2001/02. The question is how the Government wants to spend all

So far, it has been insulated from this question by its electoral promise to stick to Tory spending plans. But this pledge runs out in April 1999. From today onwards, as his pre-Budget statement looks towards to economic conditions in 1999 and foreshadows the public spending decisions that will have to be taken next autumn, Mr Brown will have to give some good reasons for being asked.

f Britain has the best- maintaining his iron grip on

the public purse.
His main argument today that any Treasury surpluses should be used to repay public debt for the benefit of future generations — is only partly valid. The national debt left behind by the Conservatives (at just over 50 per cent of GDP) is modest by both historic and by international standards.

Mr Brown must also recog-nise that "future generations" might gain more from improvements in education than they would from reductions in the national debt. The real point, however, is that "fiscal probity", like every other obective of economic manage-ment, is not an absolute virtue; in economic policy everything should be treated as a matter of degree.

Even if Mr Brown wants to impose a modest squeeze on demand to prevent inflationary overheating, and thereby encourage the Bank of England to reduce interest rates. he will have to admit that considerable extra funds could still be made available for public spending in the years

Furthermore, as the end of the public spending moratori-

um in 1999 ap-proaches. Mr Brown will have to Claims that acknowledge that there is no the present level of taxation cannot be money to taken for granted. There is plenty of spend are scope to increase without simply false revenues breaking the pre-

promises on income tax rates and VAT. That the public would support higher taxes to pay for better health and education services is confirmed by every survey of opinion, including the most important one — the general election itself.

election

olls conducted just before the May election showed clearly that voters expected Labour to levy higher taxes than the Tories. and also to spend more on public services. The landslide victory for Labour (along with the Liberal Democrats, who openly advocated higher taxes) can therefore be seen as a mandate to shift the balance of public policy towards higher spending and taxes. Finally, as 1999 approaches,

new Labour will have to turn

to the most fundamental question that any government confronts. Even if it does not increase the £320 billion annual public spending total, it will be held responsible for the way that money is shared. Should Britain's spending on health be the lowest in Europe. while spending on defence is the highest? Should pensions and child benefits be rising, while disability allowances are being cut? Should Peter Mandelson be building his Millennium Dome, while Chris Smith is closing down the English National Opera? Should we be cutting back on university research, while paying for the new European

fighter?
These are the kinds of questions that politicians do not like to answer. But from this week they must start



# It's our duty to be dull

Cobain of Nirvana, the .Hutchence of INXS reportedly said: "Pop eats its young, that's

Now it has eaten him: another lonely, tacky, confused death sets down his name in the lengthening roll of rock's children who lived fast and died young. The industry which loves romantic death will proudly chronicle his drugs and liquor and women and defiant dicta like "I'm not going to live my life in a way that's deemed appropriate" and "I just do my thing, I can't help it". Tribal elders shrug: what else do you expect? The equally rackety Paula Yates. who was to marry him in Tahiti and

who is dyeing her wedding-dress black for the funeral, will be offered brief pity. About fifteen minutes' worth, if that, The reporters who joined her plane to Australia seemed to have trouble balancing their decent instinct for sympathy against reports of wild grieving behaviour, stalking up and down the plane. throwing champagne over British Airways staff and shouting accusations that her divorced husband Bob Geldof "murdered" Hutchence by making things difficult over his children's travelling with their

Reminiscences by those who knew (or interviewed) the couple have veered between displays of sympathy for the dead young musician and headshaking accounts of the way the couple conducted their lives, with Paula giving interviews to the press about her lover while lying in a rumpled bed ostentatiously littered with handcuffs. Even the presence in this wreckage of four children will not hold off the furies: some Middle England spokesmen have never forgiven the poor woman her children's names, from Fifi Trixiebelle down to Heavenly Hiraani Tiger Lily (though come to think of it "Tiger" is rather a nice nickname for a baby). In the first hours after the news I heard half-adozen voices opining that the couple were aliens from Planet Rock: weird-

os, exhibitionists, nothing like us. Yet tone down the showbiz glitter a few shades and the story is all too familiar. Drugs and drink and celebrity don't change human nature; all they do is to loosen the bonds of decorum. The chaos of the Yates-Geldof-Hutchence menage, frankly, is not all that remote from the less public chaos in tens of thousands of Strip away the guitars and glitter and every family saga is much the same

other modern British households. Every detail is oddly familiar, even down to the antidepressants all over the lonely hotel room floor and the row over who will spend Christmas

Strip away the guitars and handcuffs and the story gets more recognisable. Girl marries boy, has three children and resolves to be the best of mothers and give them an "Enid Blyton childhood". Bonds are formed, a family created. At the same time, neither parent consents to become middle-aged, and the woman wants to be not only a superb mother but a success in her

own right and, moreover, forever vouthful and sexy. These are not rare ambitions: ask any women's magazine. The marriage becomes less idvllic. Wife meets another

work, naturally who assures her that she is indeed youthful and sexy. She likes him better than the familiar (and by now rather curmudgeonly) husband. They begin a passionate affair and throw in their lot together. The mother is still devoted to the three children and so is their father, but in the heat of the moment this does not

seem to be a problem. As time goes on, rows ensue. The father is reluctant to have his rights and influence eroded by another man. A baby is born to the new couple, which in turn cements them together in a relationship which is harder to break than before. For short periods of time an artificial family forms: the three children of the broken marriage are to be bridesmaids at the new one, and move to another area (in this case, continent). The new family looks shiny: as Yates and Hutchence joked: "Things are so nice at home, it's like the bloody

But it is built on sand: with no foundations of duty or self-sacrifice or careful compromise or boring old restraint, it starts to quake. The passion of two impulsive people is not cement enough for a structure as heavy and lopsided as a family.

Clean new lives are made impossible by pressure from the past in the form of the first father. Everybody feels aggrieved: there are rows over money and houses, talk of "emotional warfare" and an "absolute bloody nightmare", resentment, rage, friends taking sides, flying accusations about "mind games" and vengefulness and

unreasonable behaviour. And in this most modern of confusions, ancient symbols rise to make things worse. In the uncertainty that still surrounds Hutchence's last hours, one recurring report is that he had just spoken to his lover —

who wanted to join him but would not leave her children **Bob Geldof about** his children's proposed Christmas in Quite a few fam-

ilies will identify

with that mess. A

woman who has children by two living fathers is never going to be a free spirit. She will have to wheel and deal and compromise and adjust her place and style of living to be fair to both sets.

A man who feels wronged by his wife but loves his children is never justified in venting his rage on her, much as he longs and may deserve to, because that will damage his children. And any man who falls in love with a mother ought to realise that he is being dealt a marked card.

Children, in short, complicate everything. They are the catalyst which turns wild free youth into cautious middle-age; which makes us learn to avert our eyes from sexy strangers, curb our dreams, stay sober in case the baby wakes, miss the rave-up because of parents' evening and look both ways when crossing the road. If for some reason this catalytic action fails to work it nearly always ends in tears. But don't pour scorn on poor Paula; she is not

It is surprising how little we acknowledge this. Even thirty years ago, before the 1960s had spread outward from the King's Road, it was still common thinking that the first baby marked the moment when you

put away childish things yourself. "Responsibilities" were much touted, and even hairstyles and clothes were expected to change. I can remember shocked muttering as a child in Suffolk when a young couple pushed out their pram wearing matching skin-tight jeans — and the poor kids were only about 20.

The wartime generation informed us that the dignity of procreation should lead naturally to the cutting of wild hair and the adoption of A-line skirts and Sta-Prest slacks. Great odium was heaped on any mother, in particular, who dyed her hair blonde or went to nightclubs. These were unmotherly things to do.

Well, there was a lot of nonsense in all that. Writers in recent years (myself among them) have said to women petrified of their first confinement: "Hey, loosen up, just because you've got a baby it doesn't mean you aren't the same girl you used to be." Miv own fament at the end of the 1970s was about those gruesome clinic worksheets with their "specimen daily routines" insisting on 06-30 feed; 07.00 Mother rinse nappies; 07.15 Mother prepares vegeta-bles for puree; etc., on the ground that they never said things like: 18.30 Mother dumps baby on neighbour and nips out for a pint and game of

The old stiffness needed challenging, at least in small superficial things; but after a decade of wild-child mothers, wandering fathers and rocketing divorce figures, it is getting on for time we called a halt. Someone has to stand up and admit that yes, actually, it's true: having children is a rite of passage. And you aren't allowed to creep back down that passage into the sunlit world of sexy, boozy adolescent freedom. Parents, face it: it is your duty to be a bit dull. At least until children reach independence and you can decline into a disgraceful

old age. Unfortunately for the rock generation, the safest place for children to grow up undamaged is always going to be the uncool, humdrum, workaday world of a pig-ordinary mar-riage. All the better, of course, if it seethes with attraction and heartfelt mutual devotion; but even a regime of tolerant kindness and wry reluctant faithfulness will do.

Hell, we had our turn at being young. We should have guessed it couldn't last for ever.

# Where the tigers go to die

Bronwen Maddox

reports from the

Apec summit

South-East Asian nations in Vancouver, President Clinton has maintened a dogged insouciance. He took to the golf course in heavy drizzle, emerging to dismiss the Asian financial crisis simply as "a few little glitches in the road ... we're warking through them?" working through them".

Although Asian leaders joined him

in resisting doom-mongering, the financial crisis which has spread around the Pacific Rim to South around the racine kim to South Korea and Japan will dominate the two-day Asia-Pacific Economic Co-operation (Apec) forum. As talks opened yesterday, there were doubts that Apec members would meet the

challenge.

Since its creation in 1989, the forum to hopes that it has failed to live up to hopes that it would be a significant force through which its 18 members would help to modernise each other's economies. Although President Clinton elevated it to summit status in 1993 in a drive to liberalise trade, it has maintained a self-congratulatory air, in which the Asian economic "miracle" has been used to justify closed markets and authoritarian policies.

Talk of the miracle has now gone, after South Korea's appeal to the International Monetary Fund (IMF) for \$20 billion to shore up its fractured banking system, and yesterday's collapse of Yamaichi Securities, Japan's fourth-largest broker. Only China remains ebullient: President Jiang Zemin says its economic situation is "excellent" and predicts growth this year of 9 per cent. In private, American advisers ac-

knowledge that even if matters get no worse, the world has changed. It is now inevitable that the slump and devaluations will hamper growth in America and Europe, as Alan Greenspan, the Federal Reserve Chairman, recognised last week. The crisis will send Western trade deficits with the afflicted Asian countries higher. Investment, too, could be hit; the recently announced plans for an LG electronics complex in South Wales and a Hyundai microchip plant in Scotland could both be affected.

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More subtly, Asia's economic woes will also change Western foreign policy, which has been based on the assumption that the Pacific boom will continue, and will belp to counterbalance China's economic and military power, rebuild North Korea and liberalise trade.

Although America has so much at stake, it is handicapped in the battle to contain the crisis from spreading to markets around the world. In recent weeks Congress has denied Mr Clinton both fast-track powers to strike trade liberalisation pacts and an extra \$3.5 billion funding for the IMF for just such emergencies. In contrast, Britain, France, Germany and Italy have indicated that they would pay more to the IMF. For Mr Clinton, such chequebook diplomacy such as America's \$50 billion bailout of Mexico earlier this decade - is not possible.

It is the response of Japan, not America, which is now critical. Yesterday there appeared to be grounds for cautious optimism that it is prepared to take the first steps in ensuring the stability of its banking system. Mitsuo Horiuchi, the International Trade and Industry Minister, said: "Since the Japanese Government is seriously pushing the reforms, I would like the US to patiently watch us."

owever, there are doubts among other delegations L that Japan can successfully pull off the balancing trick of allow ing bankrupt banks to fail while recapitalising those which can be saved. Drawing that distinction will mean ignoring the web of favours and special interests between Government and the banks.

Despite widespread relief when South Korea finally called on Friday for help from the IMF, there are doubts about whether it will be able to carry through an IMF austerity programme in the face of domestic political opposition. Neither do many people in Vancouver think America is likely to win backing for its call for greater liberalisation, particularly of the world's financial markets. While Malaysia stands alone in its nowfamiliar call for immediate curbs on currency dealers, other delegations hint that the instinct of the mostafflicted countries will be to tighten control on their financial institutions.

The reasons why Apec has been self-congratulatory and ineffective in its eight-year life are fused with the causes of the present crisis — above all, the refusal of many countries to recognise the dark side of the Asian miracle. Cronyism, corruption and politically inspired investment have driven much of the expansion in lending which has now been revealed to be insupportable. China, so triumphant yesterday, is hardly innocent of

For the moment, the vagaries of American domestic politics have put Mr Clinton where many Aper members say they want him: largely on the sidelines. Whether the response to the crisis is adequate will depend on whether the affected countries themselves, particularly Japan, are prepared to get to grips with their deliberately neglected problems at



The duchess: slim chance

Duchess of York. She wants to star opposite Kevin Costner in the sequel to The Bodyguard. Costner claims Diana agreed to play a princess who falls in love with her bodyguard. Filming cannot start until a substitute has been found. Enter Fergie, who has thrown her tiars into the ring. "She is a tall and beautiful-looking lady so I doubt they would consider me," she says. "But I would do it, sure."

• JAMES WHALE, radio rottweiler, has been moonlighting as a waiter in the Harrogate restaurant run by his son. Have Yorkshire diners niet their match?.

Jasper Gerard

# A Right do

AS final flings go, it could be wild. William Hague is to mark his last days of bachelorhood before his wedding to Flion Jenkins next month with a stag weekend at a secret foreign location. A dozen friends, including Sebastian Coe and Alan Duncan, are due to join the Tory leader for the jamboree, so often marked by jolly japes, strippagrams and booze. The men-only trip is being organised by Hague's old chum Nick Levy. a lawyer who left Britain for Brussels in 1994 but took time out to help his

buddy during the election. Those who have not been invited for the stag weekend, or the wedding itself — a small affair. lacking Baroness Thatcher and John Major - should not feel too aggrieved. Lord Parkinson, Tory head boy and a convivial party thrower, is holding a less select bash at the Carlton Club two days before. More than 400 guests, including all Tory MPs and their spouses and frontbench peers,

have been invited. With all these festivities, however, only one person seems to be sticking to the Thatcherite creed of thrift. Flion has dispensed with Neil Cunningham, the fashion designer who made her celebrated black number for the conference this autumn, and has turned instead to a friend to knock up a wedding dress on her old Singer.



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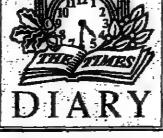
SIMON RATTLE's prowess with the baton is not doubted. If his feet could only perform with such dexterity then a forthcoming engage-■ AN invitation from that endandered enorimon the Independent causing the hirsute conductor such won the hard-earned adulation of

Next: meet the wife

on Sunday, to a debate: "Should

cannabis be legalised?" Then

comes the caveat. "Please note this



alarm. Rattle is to conduct the Vienna Philharmonic at the Salzburg Mozart Festival in January. Such is Rattle's standing in Austria, he will be guest of honour at the grand ball at the Golden Hall.

And there Rattle's problems

begin. For he is to lead off the dancing with a waltz. Rattle is no twinkletoes and the prospect of falling on his face is exercising him greatly. A crash course would seem to be in order but Rattle will not be joining the Come Dancing hopefuls for night classes. Instead, he has engaged Sir Anthony Dowell, no less, director of the Royal Ballet, to tutor his two left feet. A friend detects improvement. "It's not strictly ballroom but Simon should get through it without inflicting any injuries."

ment in Austria would not be THE physique of the PM has

Parisian fashion folk. "Tony is not exactly what you'd call a hunk," opines French Elle, "but women love him. If he has ears like Dumbo, it's simply to hear better. If he's losing his hair, it's simply to make him more masculine. He looks elegant in Armani suits, but at weekends throws on a sweater and becomes Monsieur Gap."

Cover blown CONTRARY to suggestions that William Hague and John Red-

wood are now the best of friends, a



"The firm's gone bast. Sell everything!"

pelled between them. At a meeting of several senior Shadow Cabinet members. Hague brandished a copy of Business Age magazine, whose cover featured a large picture of Redwood under the headline "Hague's worst nightmare". What's all this then?", inquired Hague, adopting his best Dixon of Dock Green. A sheepish Redwood.

certain wariness has yet to be dis-

who had not seen the magazine, insisted the phrase was not his invention. Much talk of loyalty to the newly elected leader ensued. To prove his fealty towards Hague, Redwood agreed to pen an article for the next issue of Business Age, praising Hague's leadership. Curiously, Redwood's apologia contains only one sentence lauding Hague's "determination and clarity" - but a thousand words on Redwood's favourite topic, Europe.

 GAVIN ESLER, pretty face of the BBC's new 24-hour news channel, is a man who always knew his destiny. In 1990 he wrote a sub-Forsythian novel, Loyalties, about chaos, corruption and violence on a round-the-clock news network.

Moving tale

THE DEATH of her "best friend" Diana, Princess of Wales, has not subdued the ambitions of the





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# SHOCK AND THERAPY

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Lessons east and west from the Yamaichi affair

Rarely has an economic summit been more serendipitously timed than this week's Asia-Pacific meeting in Vancouver. The collapse of Yamaichi Securities, Japan's fourth largest broker, following hard on South Korea's reluctant resort to the International Monetary Fund, underscores the urgency of bold concerted action to restore confidence in Asia's debt-ridden financial markets. The most immediate need, as the Bank of Japan has recognised in the case of Yamaichi, is for large injections of public funds to protect depositors in collapsing banks, life in-surance and other financial institutions; this is no time to worry about the "moral hazard" of insulating the culprits from their mistakes. Only then can the required mergers or closures, market-opening, greater transparency and reforms to slack regulatory practices proceed in an orderly fashion and a steep, deflationary spiral be avoided.

Given the scale of the bad debt that has

corroded almost every Asian country's banking system, the price-tag will be high. but nothing like as high as the costs of prevarication would be. For if this task is bungled - and to be effective, the medicine must start working almost immediately the impact of an Asian liquidity crisis will cut growth in the real economy worldwide.

The Japanese Government in particular must now abandon its Micawberish attitude to the deep-seated problems in its banking sector, problems that have been apparent ever since the country's bubble economy burst in 1990. There is now an immediate and present danger of Japanese banks facing an end of foreign credit lines. They could then be forced into rapid sales of their huge holdings of US treasury bonds.

Whatever the particular circumstances, including secret liabilities hidden from the regulators, of Yamaichi's collapse, it cannot be dismissed as an isolated case. Nearly 20 Japanese financial institutions have folded within the past three years; Yamaichi was the third to fail this month, following Sanyo Securities and Hokkaido Takushoku Bank.

Ryutaro Hashimoto, Japan's Prime Minister, has until now insisted that public opposition put a wholesale hail-out of the financial system out of the question and that Japan's best course was to rely for a cure on its planned "big bang" modernisation of the financial market. But if Japan is to avoid a big bang of quite another kind, capable of demolishing the house before its foundations can be strengthened, its politicians must heed the country's notoriously conservative financial bureaucrats who have finally come round to the inevitability of a systemic rescue. The aim should be not only to reassure nervous creditors, but to reverse the damage done by recent fiscal retrenchment and refloat domestic demand. Healthier Japanese growth would in turn lessen the deflationary pain of the restructuring that lies ahead for most Asian economies.

At Vancouver, President Clinton should emphasise that firm action in Japan will be accompanied by adequate international financial support - which again will involve Tokyo - for Asian governments' efforts to clean house. The bill will run into well over \$100 billion; South Korea alone could require \$60 billion. Generous European participation in IMF stabilisation programmes will therefore be essential. Britain, which has a bigger involvement in the financial industry than any other large country and which is also the main European destination for Asian direct investment, has a particularly strong interest in effective damage-limitation. Finally, it is important that Vancouver's original free trade agenda is not pushed into the background by this crisis. Trade will be central to the region's longer-term recovery. This is something that Asian governments. who may be tempted to plead their financial woes as an excuse for delaying liberalisation, should not be allowed to forget.

#### **REFORM AND RESISTANCE**

Tory democrats should concentrate on the central issue

At the Conservative party conference seven weeks ago one message came through clearly: internal party reform meant the maximum possible involvement of the membership. The grip of the Westminster establishment — which has opposed democracy from the 1832 Reform Act onwards — then seemed to be weakening fast. It now appears that its dinosaurs have greater powers of survival. 1922 Committee, and Robin Hodgson, the chairman of the National Union Executive Committee, have orchestrated an effective campaign of obstruction. It is unlikely that the party members will have more than 35 per cent of the college that elects the leader.

Frustration at all this explains the advertisements placed yesterday by reform activists. They protested that the new board of the party would not have a majority elected by the membership. They also called for the direct election of the chairman, a deputy chairman and the treasurer of the Conservative Party. Some of those involved in this campaign, such as the Charter Movement, are not especially important. Others, the One Person, One Vote enterprise for example, are rather more significant.

Their concern at the composition of the new board is entirely legitimate. The franchise for the elected element of its membership is not broad enough and the proportion to be popularly chosen is inadequate. As a result, the "reformed" body will be about as effective as its predecessor. This is excellent news for Tony Blair.

The rest of the activist manifesto is less persuasive. Internal party positions such as chairman and treasurer should still be appointed. The creation of alternative power centres would be a distraction and do nothing for the efficiency of Conservative Central Office. It would be as useful as Labour's own old rules that forced Mr Blair to place his elected shadow team - warts and all - in the Cabinet. The reformers are right in their sentiments but not in their strategy. This part of their effort is, as General Omar Bradley said of the Korean conflict, the wrong war, at the wrong place, at the wrong time, with the wrong enemy.

The central quest for Conservatives should be universal franchise for the leadership. MPs have a proper role in reducing the cast of contenders to a shortlist of two or three but the final choice must lie with the membership. Quixotic crusades to create an elected deputy chairman simply scatter the resources of those who seek radical reform.

It is not too late to alter this outcome. The membership should oblige backbench Tory MPs to exercise some overdue influence on the 1922 Executive Committee. One member, one vote will not happen unless intense pressure is exercised. William Hague has not reached a final position and remains sympathetic to fundamental reconstruction. His blueprint should be shaped by such sentiments. If not, he might find that Sir Archibald Hamilton does as much damage to the Conservative cause in this Parliament as Neil Hamilton did in the last one.

#### **CAT FLAP**

Is Humphrey suffering from Chairman Miaow syndrome?

The prime ministerial pet, despite a tendency to uncontrollable leaking, is apparently quite safe. We do not speak of Peter Mandelson but of his equally feline and apparently incontinent neighbour, Humphrey the Downing Street cat. Government spin-doctors have, once again, been forced into greater candour than they wished by a suspicious press. Humphrey, once a public figure, had been as hidden from the public gaze recently as Mr Mandelson was when Berniegate blew up. But, like the Minister without Portfolio, the cat without control has

been dragged in front of the cameras. Or has he? Is the Humphrey who posed for pictures yesterday the real people's pussy or a furry fake? This is a matter fully worthy of Ace Ventura, Pet Detective. For there is no lack of men and women who may have wanted nothing left of Humphrey but a can

of meaty chunks.

The Government, initially, dealt with Humphrey's apparent illness by bringing in their top specialists; but they were eminent doctors of spin, rather than veterinary medicine. The insistence that Humphrey's illness meant he had to be kept away from the public eye had about it a whiff of the Kremlin catacombs. Was Humphrey, like a former Communist apparatchik, said to be "ill" and unable to face his public in order to disguise a grislier fate? Was he, like some latter-day Chairman Miaow, already cold in the grave while the authorities claimed he was an invalid, buying time so that a

suitable successor could be found? The suspicion that his nine lives were up was fed by rumour of anti-cat feelings at the highest levels in Downing Street. Mr Mandelson himself was held to be annoyed by the mess that Humphrey created. Cherie Blair was also alleged to have little time for the cat which, sources claimed, brought her out in a rash. If it was true then Humphrey was capable of what Ken Livingstone could only dream of - turning the Blairs red.

Humphrey, as a Civil Service rather than political appointment, had certainly tried to serve the new Government enthusiastically. It was reported that within hours of the election he had hit the mouse running, and although worried about pledges to squeeze fat cats he was prepared to accept Gordon Brown's strictures that there would be no more in the kitty for the first two years of Government. Now, however, he has been pensioned out of office and the search is on for a thoroughly modern moggy - a new cat for new Britain. Yet before the nation accepts Humphrey's replacement, the suspicions that he has been put not out to grass, but under it, must be allayed.

An authoritative witness, and that can only be Baroness Thatcher or John Major, must attest to the authenticity of the cat claiming to be Humphrey lest some substitution has taken place. If Government could find a double for Monty then it might find a lookalike Humphrey. The cat, if authentic, must also be asked if it jumped, or was pushed. Tony Blair may have felt he had to get rid of a creature apparently classified in the new Treasury inventory of government possessions as Claws (Four). The Prime Minister should tread carefully. and realise that when cats suddenly disappear it is only those from Cheshire which leave behind a smile.

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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#### Winchester's vote of no confidence

From Mrs Georgiana Hibberd

Sir, Winchester (letters, November 22) has been a safe Conservative seat for many years and the party, by choosing Gerald Malone, an ambitious Scot in need of a safe seat, has shown scant regard for this constituency.

The electorate in Winchester is sophisticated. It is in an affluent part of the country, with a strong academic tradition. Its geographical location gives it close links with continental Europe and it is home to many City commuters. These factors make it less parochial than some other parts of the

Maybe an electorate that votes with its head rather than its heart is fed up with the present Conservative "little Englander" mentality condoned by Gerald Malone. Maybe Mr Malone was seen to be a bad loser. Either way, I believe that the Conservatives would only have had a chance of winning this by-election if they had selected a fresh candidate, more in tune with the electorate.

It is all very well for a right-wing party, in cahoots with local reactionaries, to find safe seats for their placemen; but they should not expect people like those of Winchester always to elect them. Last Thursday Winchester demonstrated it was no longer prepared to be taken for granted by the Conservative Party.

Yours faithfully, GEORGIANA HIBBERD, Chepstow Cottage, 110 St Cross Road, Winchester, Hampshire. November 24.

From Mr Chris Metz

Sir, The Conservatives were roundly defeated in Winchester. Was this because of an unnecessary by-elec-tion, a strong Lib Dem candidate, lack of Labour effort, or a hangover of Tory unpopularity from the general elec-

Yes, it was all of these; but above all it is a resounding vote of no confidence in the official Opposition and, in a word, Euroscepticism.

Yours faithfully, CHRIS METZ Beech House, Whiteshute Lane, St Cross, Winchester, Hampshire, November 24.

#### Laser pointers From Mr Nick Sheldon

Sir, Although I was glad to see your report today correcting some mis-apprehensions about laser pointers. there are still more myths to dispel.

The lasers in question are not infrared (report, November 20) - if they were, their beams would be invisible. Nor are their beams brighter than the sun. Instead, it is the beam as focused on a minute point in the retina that slightly exceeds the level of brightness that would result from staring directly at the sun.

If MPs are keen to ban these 0.001 watt devices, perhaps they should turn their attention to the DIY plans for 40 want lasers, which are readily available by mail order for as little as £10 and can be built by a competent

Yours faithfully, **NICK SHELDON** (Tutor, Science Starter Programme), University of East Anglia, Norwich. November 24.

#### Threat to countryside

From the Chairman of the London Green Beit Council

Sir, It always puzzles us why, given a green belt policy which is non-partypolitical and has been the great success story of British planning for over 40 years, professional and land owning associations still urge that as it is pinching it must be relaxed. If it is pinching, that proves that it is working, and that is the time to maintain it.

Our experience does not support Councillor Mark Dunn's view (letter, November 21) that "almost all developmental damage to the green belts has been the responsibility of remote central government". Our experience has been that on the whole central government, regardless of party, has valiantly upheld the far-sighted green belt policies against attempts from many quarters to undermine them.

Yours faithfully. R. W. G. SMITH, Chairman,

The London Green Belt Council. III Billy Lows Lane, Potters Bar, Hertfordshire. November 23.

#### Telling stories

From Mr G. H. de M. Carbutt

Sir. On inquiring in a well known high-street book retailer whether they had any books on Christmas, I was surprised to be told that they did not "stock fiction". I wonder what other titles will soon be found under that heading . . . train timetables?

Yours faithfully, G. H. de M. CARBUTT. The Old Rectory, Salcott-cum-Virley, Essex. November 24.

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### High price of Oxbridge excellence

From the Vice-Chancellor of Leeds Metropolitan University

Sir, I have followed with wry amusement the furore over the possibility of Oxford and Cambridge Universities losing the additional £2,000 a student they receive from public funds through college fees (letters, November 7, 11, 20).

The Higher Education Funding

Council has told this university that it estimates we receive in the region of £500 a student more than the average. The reason is that during the first half of the 1990s we generally did not expand our numbers unless we were fully funded for them. Other universities, however, took students at feeincome only (a third of the average cost) and in doing so pushed down the average cost for all universities. So, simply by seeking to maintain the resources we offer our students, we find ourselves receiving funds above the average.

The funding council, with government support, has told us that it expects us to come close to the average over the next three years. It will do this by reducing the funding per student we receive each year. We think this is unfair but, unlike others, we have not indulged in public protest.

A little dignity from our so-called elders and betters, consistency from our funding council and firm resolve from our Government is what is now

Yours faithfully, LESLIE WAGNER, Vice-Chancellor, Leeds Metropolitan University, Calverley Street, Leeds LSI 3HE. November 21.

From Mrs Nicky Padfield

Sir, I support Anatole Kaletsky's forceful argument that the Government should fund Oxford and Cambridge universities, and do so properly ("Why we must all pay for Oxbridge". November 18).

In Fitzwilliam College our students are certainly "elite" in the sense that nearly all have achieved three A levels, at grade A. They are less socially "elite" than those at some other universities: 70 per cent of our applicants, and of our entrants, have been

from maintained schools for years. We are not complacent. We are

Performers' pay

Sir, The escalation of the financial costs required to put on top-level

events has generated the need for massive sponsorship and grant aid to keep the show on the road. In more rational times the costs

relating to sport and the arts were mostly met by those who paid to watch, but now star performers - be they footballers, opera singers or racing drivers - are so expensive that money from sponsorship and/or gov-ernment has become imperative. Today the whole business, now sadly controlled by agents, is heading for self-destruction.

The Royal Opera House fiasco is a classic example of what happens when the costs of putting on a performance overwhelm the revenue

November 18.

#### Degree of choice From Mr Hans Baernhoft

Sir. Actors are always very sensitive to the status of the work they accept (let-ter, November 24), and with good reason.

Unlike other professions they have no academic qualifications to parade, and any tangible accomplishments, such as filmed performances, are all

too quickly eroded by time.

The painful fact is that an actor's worth is judged largely by his current position. Word would soon get round If a featured performer were to take an extra's job and it would certainly be detrimental to his career.

Despite all the "luvvie" stereotyping, this is the real reason actors believe they should be exempt from the latest DSS initiative.

Yours faithfully, HANS BAERNHOFT, Rigal Management. 109 Albert Bridge Road, SWII. rigal@mcmail.com

#### Long road home

From Mr William Fisher

Sir, Many people seem to believe that a full address is necessary on an envelope. They should bear in mind that they aren't going there, the postman is, and the street number and post code alone tell him the destination exactly.

That Mrs Rae's aunt's letter went to Haiti instead of Hants (letter, November 20) is her fault, not the Royal Mail's, which takes no heed of counties. I am confident that a letter addressed to me at

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would reach me just as quickly as one addressed as below. One wonders how much computer disk space is taken up with redundant mail address information.

Yours faithfully. WILLIAM FISHER. 19 Clarendon Gardens, W9. November 21. 

whose schools do not normally send applicants to Cambridge.
As the headmaster of St Albans School wrote (letter, October 27), our commitment to academic excellence could not survive an admission system that discriminated on any ground

other than talent. We need more re-

working hard now, as we have for

decades, to encourage a wider field of

applicants, through open days and

subject conferences and visits to schools by students and fellows. We

actively encourage applications from

ethnic minorities and from students

sources, not fewer. Yours faithfully, NICKY PADFIELD (Admissions Tutor, Arts). Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge.

From Mr Martin Gilbert

Sir, I cannot agree with Anatole Kaletsky that public expense is worthwhile to placate Oxbridge attendees and their parents. Thirty-five million pounds is a noticeable sum of money.

I work on a project to improve the primary form of teaching in the over-whelming majority of universities: lecturing. If I succeed I will directly affect the education of millions, not thousands. I have done so with a budget of some 0.5 per cent of the Oxbridge funding — and may faiter for the lack of 0.1 per cent. I am surprised to have to use the phrase "cost efficiency" to an economist.

Yours faithfully, MARTIN GILBERT, 5 Dartmouth Park Avenue, NW5. November 19.

From Mr G. D. Redfearn

Sir, Your otherwise excellent obituary of Professor Charles Kennedy (November 19) should have given him credit, while at Queen's, for my respectable honour schools mark in economic theory, surely one of the most surprising tutorial achievements of all time which should convince the Government of the necessity to continue to fund the distinctive Oxbridge tutorial system.

Yours faithfully, G. D. REDFEARN, The Weeths.

Alverton, Penzance, Cornwall. November 20.

available from spectators. You report today that La Scala opera house gets only 20 per cent of its income from From Mr John Disley

ticket sales. Grand prix racing might well be able to live without tobacco sponsorship if the drivers were paid less than is now negotiated for them. Millions would be saved and I doubt if the quality of the racing would diminish.

After all, Fangio, Ascari, Moss, Brooks and Hawthorn drove just as competitively in the mid-Fifties for a pittance when compared with the contracts of today.

Yours faithfully, JOHN DISLEY Chairman, The Olympians). Hampton House. Upper Sunbury Road, Hampton, Middlesex.

#### Arts subsidies

From Dr Anthony Field

Sir, As a trustee of the Chichester Festival Theatre may I amplify the problems of the loss of Duncan Weldon as its theatre director (article, "Storm and stress in Sussex", November 20)? The real tragedy is the Arts Council's refusal over the past three years even to receive an application from our theatre, let alone to assess its

The Royal Shakespeare Company is reported (November 18) to have a trading loss of £1.8 million in 1996-97. This is over and above its approximately £10 million subsidy per annum for II new productions. Chichester has lost half a million pounds for 12 new productions with no subsidy whatso-

Where is the Arts Council's Drama Panel's policy?

Yours faithfully. ANTHONY FIELD, 152 Cromwell Tower, Barbican, EC2 November 20.

From Mr Christopher Pringle

Sir, Your correspondent Mr D. E. Rae prompts me to submit what I feel may be the longest journey for the least cost achieved by a letter. In the late 1920s my father, a doctor

in Manchester, received a letter from a firm of manufacturing chemists (by name, I think, James Wolley). If I recall correctly they were also in Manchester. The letter bore a halfpenny

On the back the letter was stamped "Mukden" (today called Shenyang) and alongside was written "Not known in Manchuria try Manchester England".

Over a period of approximately eight months the letter had travelled over 20,000 miles. It contained a circular listing stocks of medicines available "off the shelf", probably by then past their sell-by date.

Yours faithfully, CHRISTOPHER PRINGLE, Narrow Waters, Oakshade Road, Oxshott, Surrey. November 20.

#### Essex alternative to Albuquerque

From Mr Rodney Legg

Sir, The Neuhoff family from New Mexico chose Colchester as their alternative to Albuquerque and its rising crime, after following surveillance cameras in Essex via the Internet (report, November 21).

Both your potted comparisons between the two cities, and the English town's own advertisements, give Essex due credit for having the prov-ince's first capital, visited by Emperor Claudius, but omit to mention what happened next.

Colchester, to the Britons, was "the citadel of servitude" according to Tacitus, when it became the first target in the Celtic revolt of autumn AD 60. Boadicea spent two days reducing Colchester to burnt ruins, and proceeded to St Albans and London, slaughtering an "established" total given by Tacitus as 70,000 Romans and collaborators.

This news will come too late to influence the decision of the Neuhoffs, but it does put the Albuquerque murder rate into a mitigating historical

Yours sincerely, RODNEY LEGG, The National School, North Street, Wincanton, Somerset. November 22.

From Mr Peter Revell

Sir, Despite the Neuhoffs' desire to move away from Albuquerque and its street gangs, the city surely deserves some congratulations for becoming a "shipping" centre.

Situated on the edge of the Mexican desert and at the foot of the Sandia Mountains, Albuquerque is at least 800 miles from the nearest coastline just think what it might have become had it been sited by the sea.

Yours sincerely, PETER REVELL 39 High Ashton, Kingston Hill, Kingston on Thames, Surrey. November 22.

#### Greenwich pride

From Mr N. B. L. Evelegh

Sir, It is now become almost universally fashionable to knock the plans being developed at Greenwich, initi-ated by the last administration and continued by the present Government. I suggest that we are again in

our national failure-loving mode. This only repeats the response to the Prince Consort's proposals in 1850, which became the magnificent Great Exhibition of 1851 — the Crystal Palace opened within ten months of contracts being signed, despite the mockery and criticism of almost the entire Estab-

lishment. Your newspaper, having been seri-ously critical of the Prince Consort's plans in 1850, reported the opening

with the words: Never before was such a vast multitude collected together within the memory of man. The struggles of great nations in battle, the levies of whole races, never called forth such an array as thronged the streets of London on 1st May ... but here was an occasion which might be celebrated by the whole human race without one pang of

regret, envy or national hate. Can we not once again raise our national pride and expectations?

Yours faithfully, NICK EVELEGH. Hodges Farmhouse, Frittenden, Cranbrook, Kent. November 20.

Class in the Army From Brigadier Charles Millman

(reid) Sir, If the Defence Secretary is concerned about the current Army officer selection process (report, "Robertson wants a classless Army", November 14) then he must clearly first examine the selection standards demanded by the Regular Commissions Board.

Like those of its well tried and proven predecessor, the War Office Selection Board, these simply sift the likely lads from the "chaff", following a three-day varied individual and group tests programme, selecting those candidates — from whatever source — who are clearly fit, appear to have a spark behind the eyeballs and something between the ears, and display a presence likely to command the

respect of others. If this proven approach now reires modification then it is here that Mr Robertson should step in and say

Yours faithfully. CHARLES MILLMAN, Nile Cottage. 62 North Road, Hythe, Kent.

**Blessed villages** 

From Mr Nick Dennis

November 16.

Sir, I wonder whether any of the 30 "thankful villages" (letters, November 15 and 20) can match the achievement of Liechtenstein, 50 of whose soldiers marched off to the Napoleonic war. Fifty-one returned, a deserter from one of the other armies having been recruited along the way.

Yours faithfully. NICHOLAS DENNIS. Valentine Cottage, Popes Lane. Cookham Dean, Berkshire. n.dennis@ic.ac.uk



#### **COURT CIRCULAR**

**BUCKINGHAM PALACE** November 24: The Duke of Edinburgh, also representing The Queen, was present today at the Funeral of Princess Beatrix of Hohenlohe-Langenburg which was held in the Church of the Evangelische Stadtkirche, Langenburg, Germany. His Royal Highness, Senior Fellow, this evening attended the Royal Academy of Engineering New Fel-low's Dinner at Drapers Hall, Throgmorton Street, London EC2.

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The Queen was represented by General Sir Roger Wheeler (Aide-de-Camp General) at the Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of General Sir John Hackett (formerly Aide-de-Camp General) which was held in St Martin-in-the-Fields Church, London WC2, this afternoon.

The Duke of Edinburgh was represented by General Sir Brian Kenny.

The Princess Royal was represented by Professor Graham Zellick.
The Duke of Kent was represented by Mr Andrew Palmer.

The Baroness Farrington of Ribbleton (Baroness in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport, London, this morning upon the Arrival of The President of the Republic of Finland and Mrs Ahtisaari and welcomed His Excellency and Mrs Ahtisaari on behalf cellency and Mrs Ahtisaari on behalf of Her Majesty.

**BUCKINGHAM PALACE** November 24: The Prince Edward this evening attended the British Land British Open Doubles Championship at the Queen's Club, Palliser Road, London W14,

ST JAMES'S PALACE November 24: The Prince of Wales was represented by the Lord Geddes at the Funeral of Princess Beatrix of

Royal engagements

The Queen will hold an investiture at Buckingham Palace at 11.00; and, later, accompanied by The Duke of Edinburgh, will visit the Finnish Festival. Barbican, at 6.00. The President of Finland will be present. The Duke of Edinburgh, patron. will present the British Athletic Federation awards at Buckingham Palace at 10.00; as patron and trustee will attend receptions at 81 James's Palace for waves pasced with house prached for young people who have reached Gold Standard in the Duke of Edinourgh's Award, 11.30 and 4.00; and, as patron, will chair a meeting of the trustees. Outward Bound Trust, Buckingham Palace, 2.30. Prince Edward will attend the Woodard Festival Concert, Albert

Hau, at 7,00.

The Princess Royal will open a new special language centre. Dame Alice Owen's School, Potters Bar, at noon: as patron, British School of Osteopathy, will attend the annual graduation degree conferment ceremony and reception. St. George's Cathedral, London SEI, at 3,00; and will present the awards at the Silver Language. the awards at the Silver Lapwing competition 1997 at 1 Great George Street, London, at 6.00.

Hall, at 7.00.

Princess Alexandra will open the Minster General Housing Association's day centre and housing for the elderly at Simon De Senils Court. Northampton, at noon; will visit Irthingborough infant School. Irthingborough, at 2.05; and will visit Allen and Caswell to mark the 100th anniversary of its foundation. at Regent Works, Kettering, at 3.15.

Hohenlohe-Langenburg which was held in the Church of the Evangelische Stadtkirche, Langenburg, Germany, today. KENSINGTON PALACE

> November 24: The Princess Margaret. Countess of Snowdon this morning visited the Phoenix Theatre, Beaconsfield Street, Blyth, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Northumberland (the

Her Royal Highness later opened the NCH Action for Children Ashington Family Centre, South View, Ashington, Northumberland, KENSINGTON PALACE

November 24: The Duke of Gloucester this afternoon opened the new extension to the Leonard Cheshire Home of St Bridget's, Russington, Lindehampton, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of West Sussex (Major General Sir Philip Ward).

His Royal Highness this evening visited the Crawley Sea Cadets, Longmere Road, Crawley, West Sus-sex, and opened T.S. Cossack and also opened the Crawley Youth

The Duchess of Gloucester, Patron. this evening attended a Reception to mark the Eighteenth Anniversary of BLISS (Baby Life Support Systems) at Claridge's Hotel, London W1.

YORK HOUSE STJAMES'S PALACE

November 24: The Duke of Kent, Colonel-in-Chief, The Royal Regi-ment of Fusiliers, this afternoon visited the 2nd Battation at Trenchard Barracks, Celle, Germany, Captain Dominic Hampshire was

#### Birthdays today Sir John Drummond, writer and

broadcaster, 63: Mr Francis Durbridge, playwright and author, 85; Sir Cosmo Haskard, former Governor, Falkland Islands, 81; Mr Dickie Jeeps, former chairman, Sports Council. 66: Mr Charles Kennedy, MP, 38; Mr Imran Khan, cricketer, 45; Dr Elizabeth Laverick. electrical engineer, 72; Lord McConnell, 75: Sir Fergus Montgomery, former MP, 70; Lord Naseby, 61; Lord Richardson of Duntisbourne, KG, 82; Mr Richard Selfert, architect, 87: Mr L.P.L. Shurman, former Banking Ombudsman, 67; Lord Weatherill, 77; Sir Peter Wrlght, former director, Birmingham Royal Ballet, 71.

#### School news The King's School.

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ALLARDICE - Anthony Robert died unexpectedly at Chelsen and Westminster Hospital on November 11th. Beloved husband of Anne

Beloved Rushand of Anne and greatly missed by children Charles, John and Anne and Stepton Enpert.

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Beloved wife of the late Leonard and mother of Gevyn and the late Compton, Frivate family funeral.

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MARRIAGES

The Governors have appointed Mr. Timothy H. Keyes as Headmaster of The King's School, Worcester. with effect from Sentember 1998. Mr Keyes, who is currently Second Master at The Royal Grammar School, Guildford, will succeed Dr John M. Moore, who will retire in August 1998 after lifteen years of distinguished service.

#### Dinners

The Royal Academy of Eugine rise

The Duke of Edinburgh, Senior Fellow of The Royal Academy of Engineering, attended the 1997 New Fellows' Dinner held last night at the Drapers' Hall. The Speech of Welcome was given by the President, Sir David Davies, CBE, FEng, FRS. The Senior Fellow proposed the teast to the New Fellows and presented the Prince Philip Medal to Professor John Argyris, FEng. FRS. and Dr Ray Clough in recognition of their developmental work on the formulation of finite element analysis. Mr Edward Gallagher. FEng, responded on behalf of the New Fellows.

Bakers' Company

The Lord Mayor, accompanied by the Sheriffs, attended the election dinner of the Bakers' Company held last night at the Mansion House after the annual election day service held at the Church of St Mary-at-Hill. The Ven Dr Brian Kirk-Duncan officiated and the Right Rev Michael Marshall, Assistant Bishop in London, preached the sermon.
At the dinner, Mr John L. Moon,

Master, presided. The Lord Mayor, Assistant Alan Willis and Judge Neil Denison, QC, Common Serjeant of London, also spoke. The following were elected offi-cers of the Bakers' Company for the ensuing year:

Master, Air Christopher John Gillione: Upper Warden, Mr Robert Brian Detwees, Second Warden, Mr Bobin Construction Market Carled Warden, Air John Wheateroft Tomphase: Under Warden, Mr Anthony George Carasa.

Broderers' Company

Princess Sarvath El Hassan was the principal guest at a Ladies' Dinner of the Broderers' Company held last night at Mercers' Hall. Among the guests were:

The Jordanian Ambassad:r and Mrs Ayoub, Sir Greville Spratt, GBE, and Lady Spratt, Sir Alan Unvick itorurer Ambassador to Jordani and Lady Urwick, Major-General A.P.W. MacLellan, CB, CVO, MBE (Master of the Pictolers) Company) and Mrs MacLellan and Mr DAL Take (Master of the Mercens) Company) and Mrs Taka. Jordanian and British embroidery was on display before the dinner.

English-Speaking Union

The High Commissioner for Australia was the guest of honour and speaker at a dinner of the Birmingham branch of the English-Speaking Union held last night at the Council House, Birmingham, to mark its 50th

Birmingham, to mark its 50th anniversary. Councillor Peter Hollingworth, chairman of the branch, presided.

Mr Michael Cadbury, vice-president, the Lord Mayor of Birmingham, Mrs Valerie Mitchell, Director-General of the ESU, Mr Brian Bissell, Headmaster of The Biue Coat School, and Mr Charles Barwell, a members of the ESU; Barwell, a members of the ESU's board of governors, were among the

Anglo-Relgian Society

Vicomte Etienne Davignon was the principal guest and speaker at the Anglo-Belgian Society's annual dinner held last night at the Anglo-Belgian Club, Knightsbridge, to mark King's Day (November 15). Viscount Montgomery of Alamein presided. The Ambassador of

Thorney Island Society Mr Piers Gough was the guest speaker at a dinner of the Thorney Island Society held last night at the Basil Street Hotel, Miss June Stubbs,



Lord Hattersley of Sparkbrook — Roy Hattersley, the former Deputy Leader of the Labour Party — on being introduced into the House of Lords yesterday

#### Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Lope de Vega, dramatist, Madrid, 1562: Catherine of Braganza, Queen Consort of Charles II. Vila Vicosa, Portugal, 1638: Nicholas Tindal, historian, Plymouth, 1687: Charles Kemble, actor-manager, Brecon. 1775: Joseph Lancaster, educator, London, 1778; Andrew Carnegie, iron and steel manufacturer and philanthropist, Dunfermline, 1835; Karl Benz, pioneer of the motorcar, Karlsruhe, Germany, 1844; Angelo Roncalli, Pope John XXIII 1988-03, Somo II Monte, 1881; Nikolai Vanthe, Manufacture and Manufacture. Vavilov, plant geneticist, Moscow DEATHS: Edward Alleyn, actor-

DEATHS: Edward Alleyn, actor-manager, London, 1626: Isaac Watts, hymn writer, London, 1748: Joseph Wilson, sculptor, London, 1803; Sir Francis Chantrey, sculptor, London, 1841: Sir Augustus Callcoit, landscape painter, London, 1844: John Gibson Lockhart, biographer of Sir Walter Scott, Abbotsford, 1854; Hehrich Barth, explorer in Africa, Bertin, 1865; Lilian Baylis, Jounder of the Old Vic, London, 1937; Johannes Jensen, poet and novelist, Nobel laureate 1944, Copenhagen, 1950; Sir Ernest Oppen-heimer, mining industrialist, Johnannesburg, 1957; Dame Myra Hess, planist, London, 1965; Upton Sinciair, novelist, Bound Bruok, New Jersey, 1968; Yukio Mishima, writer, committed rirual suicide, Tokyo, 1970; U Thant, Secretary-General of the UN 1961-71; New York, 1974. the UN 1901-71; New York, 1974 The Flood (Genesis vi. 9) is said to have begun on this day, 2348 BC. John Mayenberg, of St Louis, Missouri, patented evaporated milk, 1884. Agatha Christie's The Mousetrap opened at the Ambussadors Theatre,

#### University news Oxford

Dr Nick Cartmell has been awarded the Dooley Prize in Anatomy 1996-97.

University prizes Sebastian N. Barnes and Kamakshya D. Trivell, of Menton College, have been awarded the George Medley Junior Prizes 1997.

Pavry and Winchester Thesis Prizes 1997 (International Relations) Desturzeda Dr Jai Pavry Memoriai Prize: Renata Dwan, St Anne's College, An Uncommon Community. France and the European Defence Community, 1950-1954.

Bapsybanoo Marchioness of Win-chester Prize: Jennifer Jackson Prece, University College: The International Status of National Minorities in the European Nation-Jesus College

Miss Mui-Jun Fan and Michael John Beadle (formerly of King's School. Chester) have been awarded Bahram Dehqani-Tafti Prizes in PPE 1997.

#### Lancheon

PERSONAL COLUMN

Royal Over-Seas League The High Commissioner for guest of honour at a luncheon of the Royal Over-Seas League held yesterday at Over-Seas House, St James's. Sir Geoffrey Ellerton, chairman, and members of the

### Memorial service

General Sir John Hackett

The Queen was represented by General Sir Roger Wheeler and the Duke of Edinburgh by General Sir Brian Kenny at a service of thankegiving for the life of General Sir John Hackett held yesterday at St Martin-in-the-Fields.

The Princess Royal was represented by Professor Graham Zellick and the Duke of Kent by Mr Andrew Palmer. Prince Bernhard of The Netherlands was represented by the Ambassador of The Netherlands.
The Rev Nicholas Holtam officiated. The Very Rev Colin Slee.
Provost of Southwark Cathedral, the

Rev Johan Snoek and the Rev Sam Davies read prayers. Major-General John Strawson read The Queen's Royal Irish Hussars Collect and Colonel John Waddy read the Airborne Forces Collect,
Professor Arthur Lucas, Principal

of King's College London, and Sir Frank Roberts read the lessons. Dr J.W.A.M. Verlinden and Mrs Sophic C. Lambrechtsen-Ter-Horst paid tribute on behalf of those in Renkum. Oosterbeek and the Arnhem area. Professor Sir Michael Howard, FBA. gave an address. Field Marshal Lord Bramall, Lord-

Field Marshal Lord Branau, Lord-Licutenant of Greater London, Mr Hugo Brunner, Lord-Lieutenant of Oxfordshire, and Mr H W G Elwes, Lord-Lieutenant of Gloucestershire, and Mrs Elwes attended. Among

Lord-Lieutenant of Glouestershire, and Mrs Elwes attended, Among others present were:
Lady Hackett widowh, Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs Timothy Hope istepsorin-law and stepdaughter), Miss Elizabeth Hackett (specially higher), Mrs. Sebastian Hope and Mr. Alexander Hope istepsorin-law and stepdaughter), Mrs. Sebastian Hope and Mr. Alexander Hope istepsorandsons), Miss N. Kendall, Mr and Mrs. Rex. Hackett, Commander and Mrs. John Hackett, Mrs. McHoll, Mrs. Mrs. John Hackett, Mrs. Mrs. John Hackett, Mrs. John Hackett, Mrs. John Mrs. Mrs. John Hackett, Mrs. John Mrs. Hamilton, John Hamilton, Mrs. John Hamilton, General Sir John Learmont, General S

William Samuel Purves, of York,

left estate valued at £730,493 net.

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Phyllis Joan Wing, of London SW6, left estate valued at

Marjorie Edith Bennett, of Andover, Hampshire left estate val-

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ued at £3,956,816 net.

# **Forthcoming** General Sir Henry Lesek, Lieutenant-General Sir Anthony Mullens (Royal Dragoon Guards, Lieutenant-General Sir Roper is mith. Leutenant-General Sir Immet Wilson, Leutenant-General Sir Jamet Wilson, Leutenant-General Sir Jamet Wilson, Leutenant-General Sir Jamet Wilson, Law Leutenant-General Sir Jemet Wilson, Law Leutenant-General Sir Jeward Ford, Sir David and Lady Arculus, Sir Edward Ford, Sir David and Lady Arculus, Sir Romald and Lady Arculus, Sir Partick and Lady Kentry, Lady Les, Lady Hannay, Lady Kentry, Lady Les, Lady Hannay, Lady Reiny, Lady Les, Lady Reiny, Lady Les, Lady Reiny, Lady Les, Lady Reiny, Lady Les, Lady Reiny, Lady Reiny, Lady Les, Lady Reiny, Lady Les, Lady Les, Lady Les, Lady Les, Lady Les, Lady Ley, Major-General Sir Jeardsworth, Major-General Sir Jeardsworth, Major-General Drummond, Major-General Major-General As Hirvin, Major-General Sir Lecky, Major-General Sir Jecky, Major-General Code Reiny, Major-General Sir Jecky, Major-General Sir Jecky, Major-General Sir Jecky, Major-General Sir Jeken, Major-General Code Reiny, Major-General Code Reiny, Major-General Sir Jecky, Major-General Code Reiny, Major-General Code Reiny, Major-General Drummonder Jewardsworth, marriages

Mr J.G. Bentley and Miss A.H. Muncey

The engagement is announced between Jeremy, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Mark Bentley, of Norwood Hill, Surrey, and Adrienne, daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Muncey, of Limpsfield, Surrey. JAR-GI NE

Major C.B.B. Cler and Miss F.M.E. Chamberlain

The engagement is announced between Major Charles Clee, The Blues and Royals, son of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs John Clee, of Bulford Village, Wilishire. and Finetta, daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs Colvin Chamberlain, of Devizes,

Mr I.D.G. Hobbs and Miss M.M. Thomas

The engagement is announced between ion, son of Mrs Elspeth Hobbs, of Winchester, and Megan, daughter of Mr and Mrs Gareth Thomas, of Scarborough, North Yorkshire.

Mr R.J.H. Isaacs and Miss A.M. Lyons

The engagement is ennounced between Roderick, eldest son of between Roderick, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Anthony Isaacs, of Jordans, Eashing, Surrey, and Ann Marie, daughter of Mr and Mrs Christopher Lyons, of Croghan, County Roscommon,

Mr AF. As and Miss L.B. Theobald

The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of the late Mr P.F. Jenner and of Mrs J.G. Jenner, of Tonbridge, Kent, and Lise, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Denis Theobald, of Cobham, Surrey.

Mr H.M.M. Mackenzie and Miss C.J. Smith

The engagement is announced between Hamish, son of Mr and Mrs Iain Mackenzie, of Droitwich, Worcestershire, and Caroline, daughter of the late Mr John Smith and of Mrs Kay Smith, of Winsor, Hampshire.

Marriage Mr J.W.G. Newall

and Miss S.R. Allison

The marriage took place on Saturday at St Mary The Boltons. West Kensington, between Lieurenant Jamie Newall, younger son of Sir Paul and Lady Newall, of Yoxford, Suffolk, and Miss Sacha Allison, daughter of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Allison, of Harcourt Hill, Oxford. The Rev Gerald

Beauchamp officialed.
The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Topsy Secombe. The Hon Henry Stewart was best man.
A guard of bonour was found by 7 Company Coldstream Guards. A reception was held at the home of the bridegroom's grandparents, Sir Julian and Dame Paddy Ridsdale.

A memorial service for Rosemary Liège Woodgate Butler will be held at Chelsea Old Church on Tuesday, December 9, 1997, at noon, followed by a celebration in the Church Hall.

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### I prostunted myself to worship the angel but he said, Ton ament not do that I am a fel-low servant with you and your brothers who bear their witness to James Bavelson 19: 10 BIRTHS

BAZLEY - On November 18th at The Portland Hospital, to Claudia (née Montoya) and Martin, a daughter, Zoë. the Chelsea and the Cheisea and Westminster, to Amanda (see Rigg) and Max, twins, Alexander James Craves and Olivia Charlotte Rigg.

CARR - On November 19th, Maria and David, a daughter, Adam Natolia Maria. CHAMBERS - On 23rd November 1997, to Claire (sée Dickson) and Rupert, a daughter, Victoria Mary Louise, a sister for Altrande.

20th at The Portland Hospital to Ease and Gerald, a son, Cameron Guy, 7lbs

DOMORIS - On Howenhee 19th in Melbourne Australia, to Ente (née Henry) and Charles, a son, Nicholas, a brother for Edward. SHILTON-AGAR - On 21st house to Lower beauti home to Peter Davey and jama Imanes, a beautiful son, Charles Benjamin Lucas, a brother for Sally. brother for Sally 16th November 1997 at the Ecyal Pree Hospital, to Robert and Ann (nee Homburg), a son, Bertel Hearn Domathers — On Horember 19th, to Lisa and James, a daughter, Rebecca Prances.

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DUNSCOMBE - On 23rd
November 1997, to Sharon
and Simon, a beautiful
daughter, Sammer Ellie.
GRAY - On 22nd November, to
Samb (nee Kendal) and Paul,
a daughter, Jemima Ursula
Sinclair, a sister for
Uniterplan.

CRESHBURY - On November 20th, to Jonathan and Julia (note Walter-Reco), a daughter, India Lowri Elizabeth, a sister for

George, Harry and Issue.

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HUDSON - On November 18th at The Portland Hespital, to Unsula and Dominic, a sun, Konrad Dominic Emile, a boother for Sophie. brother for Sophie.

HUSSAM - On November 21st at The Portland Respital, London, to Kamariah and Hussain, a son, Kamry Hagim, a brother for Haffia, 1978, Hairana, 1980, Hanim, 1984 and Kamal, 1986 - Mahysia.

1796 - Manyani ISAACS - See Davy. KARLSBON - On November 19th at The Portland Hospital, to Eose Mark and Erland, a son, Andrei, a brother for Emilie and Michelle. CHAN On November 22nd a

The Portland Hospital, to Tanzeela and Schall, a son Yusuf, a brother for Alsha and Sadla. and Sadia.

LEMBACH - On November

11th at The fortland

Hospital, to Susanne (noe
Fawlik) and Andreas, a son, LEVETT-SCRIVENER - On 23rd November 1997, to Resame, wife of Nicholas, a son.

# DEATHS

# IAM DW - On 22rd Novemb

Charles, a son, Max Louis Hastleys,
MACONOCHE - On Rovember 20th at The Fortland Hospital, to Georgina (nee Smithson) and Jamis, a daughter, India Lily.
MILLI - On November 16th at The Fortland Hospital, to Jeanette (nee Fatterson) and Edward, a son, Charles, a brother for Sophie.

Fields - On November 18th at The Portland Hospital, to Sarah (nee Latham) and Guy, a daughter, Sophis Doris Van Der Ben, a sister for Enna.

per pen, a sister for Emma.
FUROW- On November 17th at
The Portland Hospital, to
Ketty and Stanfalas, a
daughter, Livia, a sister for
Allies and Valeria. POPPLEWELL - On November 21st 1997, to Sally and Alex a daughter, Eleanor Sophic Tertia, a sister for Victoria and Casellia. AMPLE: On Rectary November 21st, to Charles and Floran (nee Nash), finally a drughter, Marida, a sister for Ed and Archie.

Singlitum-acan - On 21st November 1997, to Sarah (nee Burge) and Michael, a daughter, Alice Jemima.

MALA - On Newsmise 21st at The Portland Hospital, to Ann (nee Thomas) and justin, a son, James Thomas.

SPRINGTHORPE - On November 20th, to Liren (nee Van Pomaic) and Nigel, a see, Michaele, a brother for Christopher. WALTER - On November 21st SP1 1HL at The Portland Hospital, to Ginny and Kevin, a son, Michael Harrison, our first child.

WARLING - On November 15th at The Portland Hospital, to Maria and Andrew, a daughter, Ratie Rachel, a sister for Daniel. GAPERSHEHAN - A marriage between Michael Saper of Gerrards Cross and Ellean Sheehan of Northampton took place at the Thames Valley Nuffield Hospital, Wexham, Bucks. on Friday 21st November 1997.

CULLERNE-BOWN - Lizitia (ze

NESWORD - On Hovembe 19th Andrew More aged 85.
Much loved husband of
Diana, father to Jennifer,
Anthony, and Kevin, and
grandfather. Funeral at
Torquay Gromatorium on
Friday November 28th at
230 nw Yearlist Roserte

HAMDW - Ch. 22nd November 1997 after a long illness characteristically borne with courage Dr. Kenneth Green-Amytage Bactow MBE of Thorne, Yorkshire, aged 90 years. Beloved husband of Erena and treasured father, grandfather and great-grandfather. Funeral Service at St Micholas Chuich, Thorne on Friday 28th November at 2 ym followed by private burial. Samily flowers only by request but donations if desired to Armitage Funeral Services, 3a Field Ecad, Thorne, Doncester DNS 4AG, for the Thorne Branch of The Bublika Hallers and Almens Families Association or The Royal British Legion. pulse. Georgies Ideaed Duran CBE, beloved husband of the late Vida, died peacefully on November 23rd 1997 at Westerham Place EH. nged 88. Funeral Service at 10.15 am on Tuesday December 2nd at Bromley Parish Church, followed by private stremation at 11.30 cm at Beckenham Cromatorium. Memorial Service to be arranged, details to be announced shortly. No flowers places. Donations if desired to ENLI clo Francis Chappell & Sons, 23! High Street, Bromley, Lam 88 1 PK.

BAYES - On November 21s SATES - On November 21st peacefully after a short mess Allen Edward of Alien lates & Co. Funeral Savelos at St John's Chauch, Eyde Fast Crescent, London W. at 21 am Friday November 28th, Family flowers only please. Donations and magnifes in Lawrence Saise Ltd. 212 Swersholt Street, London HWI 1800.

Robert, mother of Alison, Eve and Angus. Suddenly and peacefully on 22nd Howenber, Manuarial Savice at Coopies at Coopies at Coopies Howenber, Donations if desired to Salisbury and District Osteoporosis Society ele IX. Newman, Griffin House, 55 Winchester Street, Salisbury 591 IHL.

CARTES - On November 23rd 1997, peacefully, Eric Edward, belowed bushand of Ideard, belowe instead of Olive, remarkable farker of Geoffrey, Graham and Gregory and loving grandfather of Richard, Charlotte and Alexandez. Funeral Service Tuesday, December 2nd, 2 pm at Remarkable for Endichmapy Equipment Fund, Poole Hospital, may be sent to Deric-Scott, Fortman Lodge Funeral Home, Bournemouth 8837 6AM.

CHILERNE SOWN - Littin (née Currie) aged 64 passed sway peacetuily on 18th Morenher 1977. The service will be held at 8t John the Baptist Parish Church, Old Town, Croydon on 2 ad December 1997 at 1 nm. She had a full and wonderful life, her children Thya and Stanley will miss het deeply and love her always.

Friday November 28th at 2,30 pm. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Cancer Research Campaign e/o J. & G. Perrott, 15 Dancombe Street, Kingsbridge, TQ7 1LE.

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HART - Albert Edward aged 96 peacefully on November 22ms Neuch loved rather and father-in-law of John and Jean, grandfather of Nicky, here. This and I warmen

RWINS - Harold ([immy])
dearest husband of Angela,
father and grandfather, died
peacefully at Seaton
Hospital on November 20th
1997. Ferner Hadman of
Summeralli Cont. Baywards
Heath. Foursel Seaton,
Gregory's Church, Seaton,
Devon on Thursday 27th
November at 200 p.m.

FAIRER-SMITH - John, died pencerully on Tuesday 18th November following a short but counseaux Eight against 11 lness. A man for all sensons, he touched the lives of so many with his warmth, friendship and generosity. His indomitable spirit will never be forgotten Greatly loved and sadiy missed by Gwen, Robert, Vanessa and all members of his extended family. Funeral Service at 11.30cm on Friday 28th November at Christ Church, Cheisea, Christchurch Street, London SW3. Instead of flowers, domations can be of flowers, donations can be made to BSAP Trust, 5 Winksley Grove, Harrogate, N. Yorkshire, HG3 2SZ.

RED - Mand of Ralesows Worcestershire. On November 22mi, peacefully at home after a characteristically brave fight with cancer. Much loved mother of john and Mary and grandmother of stmon and Emma. Private funeral. Service of commemoration at St Kanelm's Church, Romsley on Priday Sth Documber at on Friday 5th Documber at 12 noon.

FRANCES - Irma on 24th November in her 88th year, after a long filness borne with great courage and dignity. Beloved mother and mother-in-law of jacqueline and Lewis; deveted and much loved grandmother of David, Deborah, Sara and Jonathan; and greatgundmother of Nicols and Benjamin, Joseph, Matthew and Coco, Samuel, Eachel and Joshua, and Louisa. ARDEIG - On Thursday, 20th MARDENG - On Thursday, 20th November, Doris departed by in Spsom General Hospital to be reunited with her loving husband Frank. Sadly missed by their daughters, Annette and See and their families. Foneral Service to be held at St Mary the Virgin, Ewell Village at 2pm on Monday 1st December and afterwards at Bourne Hall, Ewell. All welcome. Flowers to A & E

welcome. Flowers to A & E Longhust of Ewell

father-in-law of John and jean, gandfather of Nicky, Sara, Julia, and Laura, and great-grandfather of Kandy, widower of Nancie. Funeral at 10.20 am at Salisbury Crematorium on Friday November 28th. The care shown by all the staff at The Royal Hampshire County Hospital Winchester is much appreciated. Bruch appreciated. HICKMAN - Wilfred las Meand Hickman J.P. mas 81 years of Clifton Manor, Engby, died peacefully in Clifton Court Nursing Home on November 22nd 1997. Dearly loved and loving husband of Mudel for 57 years. Funeral private.

resident of summer for Sypeans. Funeral private.

\*\*COLUMN PATE - Summer on Tuesday 18th November at her home after a short ther home after a short the summer of the late David Holdsworth. former Chief Constable of the Internation of the late David Holdsworth, former Chief Constable of the Thames Valley Police. Funeral on Monday 1st December 1997 11.30 as at the Holy Cross, Ramsbury. This will be followed by interment at All Saints Churchyard, Spelsbury, Oxon. for close family members. Family flowers only please. Donations if wished for the Thames Valley Police Benevolent Fund and sept to AL Builth & Son, Queens Drive, Swindon, SNS 1AW, teli (C1793) \$22021. Phane will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.

KENNY Nan Capell.

KENNY - Nan Capell Peacefully on November 23rd dearly beloved wife of the late Thomas, Devoted sister to John Blanche and much loved mother and grandmother to Simo: (deceased) Deirdre Themasin, Matthew and KIRSH . Harry, Land Chatte of

and grandchildren. Funeral took place yesterday. No flowers Donarions if desired to Boys Town, Jerusalem. to Boys Town, Jerusalem.

INSTRUCT - General Coll Cit.

Died peacefully on November 21st at Riverhill Nursing Home, Woodbridge.

Beloved husband of Ghotal for 62 years, much loved father of Nicola and James, and adored grandpa of George, Roste and Harry. Funeral on Saturday November 29th at 12 noon at St Marry's Church, Market Hill, Woodbridge, No Howers by request, but donations may be made to East Spifolk Association for the Billed elocation & Sons Ltd. 24 St John's Street, Woodbridge, 1112 113.

MARM - Margaret Lilla Fanny, died peacefully at home on November 20th aged 85. Much loved widow of Edgar and mother of Gillian, Martin and John. Funezal at noon on Friday 28th November at St Mary the Virgin, Kingston St Mary, Taunton, Someriet, Family flowers only please.

MICHIE - Brenda May died November 18th, beloved wife of Joseph, mother of John, Liz and Alison, mother in-law to Nine, grandmother of Catherine and Alex. We

Camden, November 22nd peacefully surrounded by his family, mourned by his detected whis Rath, children

MATHEMS - joan (née Enbon), widow of Gerald Boyd Mathews, on 18th November 1997 peacefully in Worthing, Private (uneral MELVRLE: Frank john died peacefully on 22nd November 1997 at home after a long timess. Retired Time Magazina correspondent, dearly loved

correspondent, dearly loved husband of Margot and father of Georgina, Fiona and Fleur. Grandfather of Nathalie and Gabriella. Frank will be very widely missed. Family flowers or donations to Cancer Margott.

peace.

WHLER - Clark died suddenly
on 17th November aged 38.
Beloved husband of Sue,
devoted father of Ella and
Jamie and much loved son of
Amy and Jimmy and brother
of Ken. Will be greatly
missed by all. Funeral
Service, St. Inke's Church,
Inlights Hill, West Norwood
SE27 on November 27th at
10.15 nm. Family flowers
only. Donations to The
British Heart Foundation
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clo A Yeatman & Sons, 384
Norwood SE27 9AA. Tel:
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MillS - Andre Michèle Petersfield, Hampshire, di Will.3 - Andre Michèle of Peterstield, Hampshire, died peacofully in her sleep at King Edward VII Hospital, Midnerst, on 21st November 1997. Widow of John, beloved mother of Dominique and grandmother of Alexis and Josephine. Cremation at Chichester Cumatorium at Jun Friday

Cremation at Chichester Crematorium at 1 pm Friday 28th November to which close family friends are invited. No flowers by request. Donations, if destred to Help the Aged co Yousun Services Petershed Ltd., 19 The Square, Fetersfield, Hampshire GU32 3HR. Tel: 01730 262711. OLDREY - Olive Seymour

greatly loved mother of The on Sunday 23rd November in London, aged 87. Private functal but donations may funcial but donations may be sent to The Friends of St Mary's Hospital, Praed Street, London W2 1NY. Street, London W2 1NY.

PETTER - On November 21st
1997 peacefully at
1997 peacefully at
Gewengates Nursing Home,
Oxford, Geoffrey aged 85.
Dear husband of the late
Rita, beloved father of Hugh
and a much loved
grandfather of Oliver and
William. He will be very
sadly missed by his family
and friends. Cremation at
Oxford Grematorium on
Thursday November 27th at
3.15 pm. Church Service at a
later area.

Ballamona Hospital, Isle of Man, after a long illness bonne with courses, humour and digatty, adored and loving husband of Debree, loving father of Gavin and John. The funeral will be half at Maley metals Caurin at 12 noon on Thursday 27th November 1997. Family flowers only by 27th November 1997.
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Comforts Fund, Ballamona
Hospital, Isle of Man.
Enquiries to T.S. Kegsm &
Son Ltd, Funestal Directors,
Port St Mary, 01624 833133. POWELL - Regionald Jones died pencefully at home on 21st November nged 81, beloved hishand of Savyl Fuñaral 1.45 pm Friday 28th November, St James' URC. Buckhurst Hill.

She left £10,000 to the NSPCC and to the Royal Star and Garner Home. Somerser, left estate valued at E).230,706 nex. Inmee David Aper Keith The National Association for the Relief of Pages's Disease. Fakenham, Norfolk, left estate valued at £2,596,904 net. Stella Dorothy Skinner, of Maidenhead, Berkshire, left estate Marion Helena Horton, of Windermere, Cumbria, left estate Valued at E1,399,110 net. She left E4,000 to Stoke Lacey church. Branyard. value dat E2,063,752 net. She left £500 to St Peser's church, Far

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peacefully at Mull Hall Retirement Home, on November 22nd 1997, oged 91 years, husband of the late joen and devoted father of Neville. Simon, GRI, Merlyn and af Andrew (deceased) and a much loved grandfather. Funeral at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Tain on Friday November 28th at 2 pm. Thereafter to Logie Haster Cemetary. Family Flowers only. Denations in Hen for the Righland Hospice, c/o Alasdair Rhind, Funeral Director, 18, Knockbreck Avenue, Tain IVI9 112.

THANKSGIVING SORESTAGE - Leith Frank Souther, or 24th November 1997 beloved husband, father and grandfather. Funeral 12 noon Monday 1st December, \$1. Denys's Church, Stanford-in-the-Vale. Donations to International League for the SERVICES BADGER - A Thankagiving Service for the IIIs and work of Stephen Tarmat Badger, who died suddenly at home on 14th November 1997, will be held on Monday, 8th December at 2.50 pm, at Christ's Chapel, Callery Road, Dulwich Village, SEZI, No flowers please, but denations, if desired, to The

STURES - Vivian Harry Georg Planoid) on November 10th 1997. Funeral Savice at S Luke's Church, Duston Northampton on Thursda 27th November at 1230 per

Jeon Gacki, Rovember 20th 1997, suddenly but peacefully at Glan Clwyd Hospital aged 86 years of Bro Gain, Fen-y-Cefn Eoed, Cleaves in Heavwell, North Wiles Selvered Instance of the Rsy. Devoted father of Jenni, Gill and Roger, treasured Taidi of Mollie, Henry, Matthew, Rachael and Emma and fond brother of Friscilla and Del Public service at St Michael's Church, Cuerwys on Thursday November 27th at 11.30 am followed by interment for family only at the graveside. Family flowers only please, donations in lieu will be kindly accepted towards St Michael's Church, Casawys per Ivor Howstoon & Son, Funeral Directors, Ruthin Rose, Denkis, Tel: (01746) 812061.

MATH - GO. The greatest over centre-forward (1893-1901), Corinthian and Cricketer, Charterhouse, Keble, Headmaster of Guy (late Senior Partner Vivica Grey) died peacefully November 23rd 1997 at Balkmom Hossifest Value and gentle Player on the 125th Anniversary of his birth. To his immortal BIRTHDAYS

arzanged for Saturday, 29th November at 11.30 am will now take place at Killeann Kirk, and not as previously intimared. IN MEMORIAM --PRIVATE

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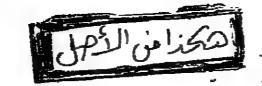
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#### **OBITUARIES**

# MAJOR-GENERAL JOHN DOUGLAS-WITHERS

Major-General John Douglas-Withers, CBE, MC, died on November 3 aged 77. He was born on December 11, 1919.

servant of the Royal Regiment of Artillery, John Douglas-Withers was an able and courageous professional soldier. Committed to the highest standards, he was never happier than when training his officers and men on exercises which were demanding, realistic and, above all, fun.

Throughout the war he served as a forward observation officer (FOO) in the 113rd Field Regiment, which played a decisive part in the fighting at Salerno and in the ensuing Italian campaign. At a time when casualties among forward observation officers with infantry battalions were high, he led a charmed life, earning the confidence and respect of the 2nd/6th and 2nd/7th Queens, whom he supported throughout most of the

campaign.
56th Division did not join the Eighth Army until it had reached Tunisia in March 1943, when Douglas-Withers was detached as an FOO to 4th Indian Division in order to gain combat experience. He took part in and survived the battles of the Mareth Line, Wadi Akarit and Enfidaville before returning to his own division for the invasion of Italy in September 1943, his regiment landing on the beaches at Salerno. Again, he survived that battle, which Wellington would have called "a damned close-run thing" -the combined British and American landing forces almost being driven back to

their ships. Thereafter, he fought contin-uously with 56th Division, participating in the crossings of the Voltumo and Garigliano rivers, the battle of Monte Camino, the grim fighting at Anzio and the breaching of the Gothic Line, followed by the debilitating winter battles across the flooded river lines south of the River Po.

The action for which he was awarded his MC occurred on the night of October 22-23, 1943. He was acting as FOO to a battalion attacking a hill feature north of the Voltumo: -While the battalion was consolidating on its objective. German counter-attacks beparty into a company position Rushmoor Arena.

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where he found its commander severely wounded and with no other officers left. In the midst of heavy German artillery and mortar fire, he took command of the company while continuing to direct artillery defensive fire. But for his quick grasp of the situation and his prompt action, the position might well have been

John Keppel Ingold Douglas-Withers was born into a military family. His father was Lieutenant-Colonel H. H. ("Bunny") Douglas-Withers, commanding officer of 1st Battalion, the South Lancashire Regiment. Bunny Douglas-Withers was an extrovert communicator, who produced some of the more elaborate military displays of the gan, and he was forced to interwar years, including withdraw his observation post the Aldershot Tattoo on

Educated at Shrewsbury School, Christ Church, Oxford, and the University of Poitiers, John Douglas-Withers became an associate of the Institute of Linguistics in French and German. He undertook a 1,000-mile cycling holiday in 1938 through Europe, including witnessing Hit-ler's Anschluss in Austria. Commissioned into the Royal Artillery in 1940, he was post-

ed to 113rd Field Regiment. After the war and gunnery staff training, he formed the new signals wing at the School of Artillery, moving on to run the first trials of helicopters as Air OPs. By 1948 he was commanding E Battery of 1st Royal Horse Artillery in the Canal Zone of Egypt and later became its adjutant. The Staff College, Camberley, followed in 1950, whence he became GSO 2 in Military Operations

3 (MO 3) in the War Office, dealing with the Middle East. He moved next to Germany to join 3rd RHA in 1953, but found that his posting had been switched to The King's

Such an appointment was the dream of every horseminded gunner. Although maintaining the impeccable standards required of The King's Troop was demanding work, he found he could hunt regularly besides taking part in showjumping, hunter trials and point to points. After enjoying three pleasant and rather old-fashioned years, he returned to the Staff College as an instructor in 1956, and was promoted brevet lieutenantcolonel (a form of accelerated promotion) in 1958.

Returning for a short spell of regimental duty in 1959, he commanded G Battery (Mercer's Troop) in 4th RHA before becoming Assistant Military Secretary in the War Office (1961-62), responsible for staffing promotions and postings of full colonels and brigadiers.

At last senior enough to be given substantive regimental command, he took over the excellent, but perhaps over-serious, 49th Field Regiment at Lippstadt in Germany. He commented on its efficiency by saying: "All I had to do was to take off the brakes, encourage laughter and enjoy myself."

After attending the Imperial Defence College in 1965, he was appointed to command 6th Armoured Brigade at Munster in Germany in the following year. He considered this to be the high point of his career, when he could use his skills as a trainer of soldiers for the last time. He was particularly proud of the performance of his brigade on one of the early German corps exercises where it excelled. At the end of his command,

he stayed on in Germany as Chief of Staff, 1st British Corps, at Bielefeld. The illness of the Corps Commander threw an additional burden on his shoulders during the busy period of 1968-70. He was appointed CBE in 1969, Although a touch disappointed not to be given a division in 1970, he settled down to command the large South-West District.

His last army job was Assistant Chief of Defence Staff (Personnel & Logistics) in the Ministry of Defence. He was involved not only in the crises of the early 1970s in Malta, Honduras and Uganda, but also in the perennial struggle with the Government to maintain the principle of comparability in the Armed Forces pay negotiations.

After he retired from the Army in 1974, he joined Jardine Matheson in Hong Kong, which he described as "one of the nicest regiments I have ever been in". He retired again in 1980 but continued to work for the company parttime, helping Lord Blake to write the history of Jardine's. He kept in close touch with the Royal Regiment of Artillery as a Colonel Commandant, a member of the Master Gunner's Committee and as Honorary Colonel of 49th Field Regiment. He married Sylvia (Dickie)

Beatrice Dean in 1945. She survives him, together with a son and a daughter, the former of whom is the present Director Royal Artillery.

### **JORGE MAS CANOSA**

Jorge Mas Canosi leader of Miami's Cuhan exile community, died from lung cancer on November 23 aged 58. He was born in September 21, 1939.

JORGE MAS CANOSA was a millionaire businessman and for nearly two decades the driving force behind opposition to Fidel Castro among Cuban exiles in the United States. He was the chairman and co-founder of the Cuban American National Foundation, a powerful exile group which has played a key role in shaping Washington's unbending policy of opposition towards the Castro regime.

His passionate, crusading style of politics won him many admirers in the Cuban exile community, while his relentless dedication to the cause of a "free Cuba" secured him the respect of political leaders in Washington and abroad. Mas Canosa's influence was further assured by the large sums of campaign cash raised by the foundation and its wealthy members.

The son of a Cuban army veterinarian, Jorge Mas Canosa left Cuba as a student in 1960, after Castro's communist revolution. In Miami he trained for the failed Bay of Pigs invasion in 1961 but never made it ashore. He briefly joined the US Army but resigned his commission. He had various jobs — milkman, stevedore, shoe salesman and dishwasher - before he went into business.

In 1968 he bought a small electrical contracting business and later merged with a construction firm to create MasTec. Last year the company's earnings reached almost \$500 million. A survey in March by Hispanic Business magazine estimated Mas Canosa's personal worth at \$257 million and placed him fifth in its list of the richest Hispanics in the US.

Mas Canosa's political profile took off with the Cuban American National Foundation, founded in 1981, to lobby Congress against a negotiated solution with the Castro Government. With more than 50,000 members, the foundation is by far the most powerful organisation in the exile community, and its board of directors includes some of the country's richest and most influential Cubans.

Through its Free Cuba polit-



than \$4.2 million into the campaign coffers of congressional and presidential candidates of both parties. The foundation successfully lobbied Congress to tighten the US embargo against Cuba, including 1090 restrictions on foreign companies trading with Cuba that put the United States at odds with its allies.

Under Mas Canosa's leadership, the foundation also persuaded Congress to pay for the creation of Radio and TV Marti, which broadcast from the United States into Cuba. Although Cuba has jammed the signal - TV Marti cannot be seen on the island -Congress continues to fund the network and has spent about \$250 million keeping it on air.

With the collapse of communism in Eastern Europe in 1989, the foundation eagerly began to anticipate Castro's demise. Mas Canosa was appointed chairman of the Florida Free Cuba Commission to advise the state Governor on the economic and social impact on South Florida of Castro's fall. The foundation drew up a constitution for Cuba and recruited American companies to join what it called a blue ribbon commission to "establish a blueprint for a free-market economy in a post-Castro Cuba".

But there were some defeats. in the summer of 1994, when Castro unleashed 30,000 rafters on South Florida, Mas Canosa flew to Washington to demand a US naval blockade of the island. He did not get his way. When the Clinton Administration secretly met Cuban officials to end the ical action committee, the crisis through an immigration foundation has poured more accord, it was a humiliating

blow for Mas Canosa, Cubans picked up at sea would no onger be allowed into the United States, ending the special treatment they had been ufforded for decades as victims of a communist regime.

But when Cuban MiGs shot down two small Miami exile aircraft in February 1996, the doors of the White House were opened again. President Clinton punished Castro by cutting off direct flights to Cuba from Miami and tightening the rules on exile families sending aid and visiting relatives in Cuba. In 1996 a new, tougher embargo law was

Critics accused Mas Canosa and the foundation of going too far by using intimidation tactics to silence opponents. Mas Canosa often branded those who opposed him as communist agents of Cuba, and boasted that he could muster the US authorities against those who stood in his

His fiery temper also got him into trouble. He once caused a stir when he challenged a Miami city commissioner to a duel. In 1990 he lost a libel suit against his estranged younger brother, who had accused him of bribing local politicians to win lucrative public contracts for the family construction firm.

His critics saw in Mas Canosa the same dictatorial streak that characterised Castro's rule. Although his name was often mentioned as a future President of Cuba, he publicly denied any such ambition. The only thing Jorge Mas Canosa aspires to is the liberty of Cuba," he said. He is survived by his wife

Irma, and three sons.

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### DR DESMOND OLIVER

Dr Desmond Oliver, nephrologist and New Zealand rugby international, died of cancer on October 25 aged 67. He was born on October 16, 1930.

DESMOND OLIVER set up the pilot artificial kidney unit in Oxford in 1967. By the time he retired in 1995. the dialysis and transplant programme was one of the largest in Europe. He was also an All Black wing forward in the 1953-54 touring side, play-ing in the French and Irish internationals and described as being "fast, with good hands, and a fearless tackler". This could have applied as well to his medicine as his

rugby. He was born in Palmerston North, New Zealand, and educated at a Marist Brothers School before reading medi-cine at the University of Otago in Dunedin. After school he did not resume his rugby until 1952, when he got himself fit by working in a freezer factory, carrying lamb carcasses. The tour over, he concentrated on his medicine, qualifying in 1955. He came to England in 1960 to gain postgraduate experience and never returned to his native country.

He worked first at the Royal Postgraduate Medical School.



where he encountered the terrible problems of acute and chronic renal failure in young patients. He later recalled that they almost all died, whatever treatment was attempted. He then went to Oxford to work for the Regius Professor of Medicine, Sir George Pickering, whose main interest was high blood pressure and to whom patients with renal failure were referred; little could be done for them until the development of dialysis.

Money was made available by the Department of Health to set up a pilot "artificial kidney unit", and Oliver was appointed to a consultant post. Pickering was sceptical, but with Dr John Ledingham they took on four patients with terminal renal failure in 1907, dialysed them with the crude

taught them to treat themselves at home. Three of those four patients survive. The early experience of kidney transplantation in Oxford

and elsewhere was so dismal that patients preferred the rigours of home dialysis, and the reputation of the unit was such that it grew to become one of the largest home haemodialysis programmes in the world. Oliver's signal contribution

equipment available and

was recognised in 1973 by his election to the fellowship of the Royal College of Physicians of London. In 1974 Professor Peter Morris, a transplant surgeon and immunologist, took up the Nuffield Chair of Surgery and set up a trans-plant programme in Oxford. Oliver gave his unstinting support, and the majority of patients with renal failure are now maintained by a transplant rather than dialysis.

Although possessing a shrewd, analytical mind, Oliver undertook little research on his own, but enthusiastically encouraged others. participating in landmark clinical studies on renal bone disease, the use of recombinant erythropojetin, and dialysis arthropathy. He was always seeking improvements

in dialysis technology.

He attracted to his unit a

succession of registrars who still affectionately quote his aphorisms. Three present British professors of renal medicine learnt much of their clinical nephrology from him.

Yet he was very much a patient's doctor. Though a big man, he had a gentie, reassuring manner which won the trust of patients and their families. Given his devotion to the plight of patients with. renal failure, it was ironic that he should be at the centre of a controversy about his careful decision to discontinue dialysis in a disabled patient. He acknowledged that he could have handled the matter more defily, but the victous attacks. on him inflicted wounds that never healed.

In his little spare time hertaught himself to turn wood, and produced some exquisite pieces from trees that he had felled and wood that he had aged. He would give these items away, always pointing out the flaws and apologising for their technical imperfections. This and tramping the countryside around Hortoncum-Studley with his dogs gave him respite from his work and pleasure in his brief retirement.

In 1971 he married Sheila Russell, herself a kidney patient, who survives him. There were no children.

#### WHOLESOME BOOKS. A REPLY TO THE HEADMASTER

OF ETON TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES.

Sir - Does not Dr. Lyttelton, in his appeal to the scrious artists of England, overlook the object and aim of their labours and the necessity that compels them, as honest men, to justify their

One is not concerned with those writers who deliberately deal with certain facts and sink to pernography for hire, since there can exist no two opinions about them, or those who publish them. But would the Headmaster of Eton interfere with the work of men who stand for the warthiest traditions and are seeking to follow in the footsteps of the masters? Are the activities of these nonsels of the masters? Are the activities of diese men to be carrailed, as the anti-vivisectionist desires to limit the activity of science? Are the sole criterion and goal of a nation's literature the moral improvement of public schoolboys and

their sisters."

There is much in the classics ill calculated to help the self-control of an adolescent; and it might be unseemly to display casts of the great Greek and medical statues in an Eton class-room; but must the adult also turn his back on these models. of literature and art? Because the Venus of Cnidus wears a tin petileout at the Vatican are we to be denied Praxileles? The serious artist is not a schoolmaster, and if dirty-minded boys secure his

### ON THIS DAY

November 25, 1913 华国家

In an outspoken letter to The Times, the Hon Edward Lyttelton, Headmoster of Eton, ques-tioned the quality of books available to adolescent boys and girls. This drew a robust defence of authors from the writer and play-wright Eden Philipotts

books in hope of improper stimulation, then let their pastors and preceptors see to it.

We artists do not contemplate the production of a "wholesome" or a "risky" brook, as Dr. Lyttleton seems to suspect. A problem rises before us concerned with some human activity, or danger or concarned with some numan activity, or danger, or passion. We weigh it in the terms of art, whether it involve finance or politics, sex or religion; and should the vision grow and take shape and promise a live achievement, we embrace it. From that moment the matter absorbs our best energies and we devote ourselves heart and soul to the most perfect, beautiful, and compelling presentation of our problem. We are men writing for men; but England will not understand that the writing of

notels and plays is man's work, no more to be hampered by the ethical or other domestic preddections of their critics, than a soldier's strategy, or a physician's prescription. No other specialists are hectored in this fashion, for the public clearly perceives that the work of most trained hands and minds can only be judged by those competent to judge it. Only the artist is at the mercy of the whole world though the man who wants to mend his psychology and after his plot would stand in respectful silence before the technical operations of a plumber.

We laugh at such critics and suffer them gently, knowing that our ideals lie in a region of reality, where the British public hates and fears to tread. but we must not be warned from our purposes by rise men, or by a noble text of Scripture that does and lower the lamp that a Shakespeare and a Fielding held, till it glimmers, a little taper, to hight the children's nurseries.

Dr. Lyttelion and those for whom he stands desire the artists to show them just as much about human of those to the stands.

human nature as they care to see, or teach — and no more. But to obey that mandate would be to relinquish our trust; and we will not have any such conditions imposed upon us. The artist is in the world to give the world what it cannot possess without him, and he who merely offers what his neighbour's dim eyes can perceive for themselves has no excuse for his artistic existence.

I am. Sir. faithfully yours. Torquay, Nov. 22. EDEN PHILLPOTTS Morgan

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not negligent in so doing. Mr Justice Neuberger so held in the Chancery Division, in dismiss-

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Before Mr Justice Neuberger

[Judgment November 4]

# Protecting name of product

Fabricants Suisses de Chocolat and Others v Cadbury Ltd

Before Mr Justice Laddie (Judgment October 29)

For the purposes of a passing-off action, what counted was whether the words sued upon had the protectable meaning upon which the plaintiff relied: if they had, it mattered not whether they had it by accident, through prolonged endeavours, or in spite of poor husbandry by the plaintiff.

A substantial number of those members of the public, who regarded "Swiss chocolate" as the name for a group of reputable products, would be confused into thinking that confectionery made in Birmingham and bearing, in addition to the maker's name and larger letters, was a member of that group.

Mr Justice Laddie so held in the Chancery Division. In granting to the plaintiffs. Chocosusse Union des Fabricants Suisses de Chocolat. a co-operative society formed under Title XXIX of the Swiss Code of Obligations, Kraft Jacobs Suchard (Schweiz) AG and Chocoladefabriken Lindt und Sprungli AG, suing on behalf of themselves and all other persons who manufactured chocolate in Switzerland and exported such cholcolate to the UK, an injunction.

Chocosuisse Union des labelling with the words "Swiss Fabricants Suisses de Chalet", in large gold-rimmed letters, a new bar manufactured by it, containing honey-flavoured milk chocolate and including small pieces of almond nougat.

Mr Simon Thorley, QC and Mr Colin Birss for the plaintiffs; Mr Michael Bloch and Mr Richard Meade for Cadbury.

MR JUSTICE LADDIE said that one of Cocosuisse's main tasks since its formation in 1945 had been to protect the denomination of origin "Swiss" against illegiti-mate use; to which end it had taken steps more than 600 times, mostly by warnings, with no actual proceedings before now in the UK.

Both sides had agreed the relevant principles to have been set out by Lord Fraser in Erven Warnink BV v.J. Townend & Sons (Hull) Ltd (11979) AC 731, 755-o) (the Advocage case), of which the first was: "It is essential for the plaintiff ... to show at least ... that his business consists of, or includes, selling in England a class of goods to which

the particular trade applies. His Lordship reviewed the evidence given by members of the public and from retailers and others in the trade, and concluded that the term "Swiss chocolate" was the designation which had been used, save for very minor exceptions, only on chocolate made in Switzerland and in accordance with Swiss food regulations, albeit

England, from standard dairy milk chocolate, did not fall within the class that could be called "Swiss chocolate".

The next issue was whether Cadbury's use of "Swiss Chalet" on its chocolate was likely to confuse a substantial number of the public into believing it was a Swiss

His Lordship had found that issue most difficult but had concluded that, although it was likely that fewer would be confused than not, those confused would still be substantial enough in number for the plaintiffs to succeed.

Next, Cadbury had launched a heavy "unclean hands" attack on the plaintiffs for:

(a) failing to take any reasonable steps to ensure that "Swiss", in relation to chocolate, continued to denote to the public in England chocolate made in Switzerland;

(b) relying on Newman v Pinto ((1887) 4 RPC 508) misleading the public into believing that choc-olate, not made in Switzerland, was made there. His Lordship thought that his approach to that attack should

mirror that taken by the Court of Appeal in Habib Bank Ltd v Habib Bank AG Zurich (1982) RPC 1): namely, in relation to estoppel, a plaintiff should fail only estoppel, a plaintiff snould rail only in those cases where the court conscionable for him to get the relief to which he would otherwise

As the market for Lindt chocolates had become international, it had set up manufacturing centres in Germany, France and possibly elsewhere, while ensuring that its products were of the same composition and quality as those made

But the fact that some members of the public wrongly concluded that all Lindt chocolate came from Switzerland did not mean that it was unconscionable for Lindt to obtain relief. The allegations made against

Suchard, centring on Toblerone and a milk chocolate bar sold under the name "Milka". were

Finally, although the ability of Lindt and Suchard to sue in a representative capacity was not disputed, Cadbury had, on the authority of Consorzio del Prosciutto di Parma y Marks and Spencer ple (1991) RPC 351, the Parma Ham case, challenged Chocosuisse's right to sue in a representative capacity.

Chocosuisse was content to ac cept Parma Ham as correct for the time being, while reserving the right to argue the point in a higher court. His Lordship would therefore formally hold that Chocosuisse had locus standi to sue only on its own behalf. Solicitors: Bird & Bird; Wil-

... underlet ... any part ... Provided always that with the previous consent of the landlord the tenant may underlet not more than 3 separate parts of the demised premises each being of an area not less than 2000 square Mr Kirk Reynolds, QC and Mr

Nicholas Dowding for the plain-tiffs; Mr Michael Douglas for Mr

MR JUSTICE NEUBERGER said that the plaintiffs, whose expert's valuation, employing four zones, of the market rental of Unit 62 as at July 3, 1993 had been £430,000, advanced six complaints ainst Mr Morgan's valuation at E250,000, including that:

(1) he should have used the

zoning instead of the overall method;

(2) he failed to take legal advice on whether, and how, lociand was relevant to the method issue and wrongly considered that it pre-cluded him from using the zoning (3) he failed to take into account

that under the terms of the hypothetical lease to be valued, for rent review purposes, the tenant would be permitted to underlet Link 62.

It might be inferred from Craneheath Securities v York Montague Ltd (1996) | EGLR 130); Mount Banking Corporation Lie v Brian Cooper and Co (1992) 2 EGLR 142, 144-5, 149) and Singer and Friedlander v John D. Wood

where the negligence of a valuation was in issue, the court should carry out its own valuation and decide on the permissible bracket either side of it. If it fell within that bracket the claim would fail: if not. absent special circumstances, it

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Although to apply the decision of the Court of Appeal in Iteland Frozen Foods ple v Starlight Investments Ltd [1992] 1 EGLR should succeed. However in Zubaida v Harreaves (1995) 1 EGLR 127, 128) Lord Justice Hoffmann had said, with his brethren's agreement: "Valuation is not an exact science; it involves questions of judgment on which experts might differ without forfeiting their claim to

professional competence... The issue is not whether the expert's valuation was right, in the sense of being a figure which a judge after hearing the evidence would determine. It is whether he has acted in accordance with practices which are regarded as acceptable by a respeciable body of opinion in his profession."

Yel one could imagine a case where a valuer's overall figure fell, without negligence, well outside the permissible bracket. His Lordship, after analysing

the evidence on (I) taken on its own, rejected (I) on its own, essentially because the plaintiffs' expert had accepted that in the absence of success on complaints (2) and (3), he could not say that no able expert could have assessed Unit 62 on the overall

He said that Mr Morean said he

precluded him from taking into account the fact that the hypothetical, like the actual, tenant could convert Unit 62 into two or more self-contained units, up to three of which could be sublet.

But the rent review clause reuired Mr Morgan to value Unit 62 as it was, subject to express disregard of tenant's improvements, assuming that it was let on the terms of the lease.

Dealing with comparable lease conditions in Iceland, Lord Justice Dillon had countered the landlord's counsel's argument that the right to subdivide there involved merely hypothetical alterations. and hence was unaffected by the lease's instruction to disregard actual tenant's improvements, by saying (at pl28): "But it seems to me to make nonsense of the rent review clause as drawn and of the be fixed so as to pay as close a be titled so as to pay as close a resemblance to reality as possible, if it is not possible to charge rent for actual improvements but is possible to charge for hypothetical improvements which have never been carried out."

That reasoning confused "rentalising improvements" (expressdly forbidden) with rentalising a right to make improvements" (a valuable

Mr Justice Hoffmann had said in Norwich Union v Trustee Sav-ings Bank (1986) 1 EGLR 136, 137)

No negligence in following advice there was "a presump hypothesis upon which the rent should be fixed upon a review should bear as close a resemblance to reality as possible".

It was well established that a judicial conclusion as to the meaning of words in one document was neither binding nor conclusive as to the meaning of even very similar words in another document: see Pioneer Shipping Ltd v BTP Tioxide Ltd [[982] AC 724, 749], Aspden v Seddon (IIS75) LR 10 Ch App 394, 390, 397-8) and Equity and Law pic v Bodfield Ltd [1987] I EGLR 124, 125).

in the circumstances, his Lordship would have held it clearly right to assess the market rent of Unit 62 on the basis that the hypothetical tenant could be someone who wanted to subdivide Unit

But the fact that, if it had been up to his Lordship to assess the market rent of Unit 62, he would have been prepared to decline to follow iceland, did not assist the plaintiffs, for Mr Morgan had secured legal advice on the proper interpretation of *Iceland* front a partner in Titmuss Sainer Deichert, who had clearly advised Mr Morgan that he was bound by

in those circumstances, no case of negligence had been made out against Mr Morgan in respect of any of the complaints made. Solicitors: Nabarro Nathanson;

# No appeal against second decision

Regina v Special Adjudicafor. Ex parte Secretary of State for the Home Department

Before Mr Justice Lightman [Judgment October 22]

A person claiming political asylum had no right of appeal against a decision by the Secretary of State for the Home Department that his second application for asylum was not a fresh application and there-fore would not be further entertained

Mr Justice Lightman, sitting as an additional Judge of the Queen's Bench Division, so held in a reserved judgment granting the for a declaration that the special hear the purported appeal of Mr Mahmut Cakabay, a person seckpurported notice of appeal had no

The special adjudicator played no active part in the proceedings. The application was opposed by Mr Cakabay, as an interested

Mr Richard Plender, OC and Ms Eleanor Grey for the secretary of state; Mr Andrew Nicol. QC and Mr Mark Henderson for Mr Cakabay.

MR JUSTICE LIGHTMAN said that the special adjudicator had jurisdiction to hear only those appeals contained in section 8 of the Asylum and Immigration Ap-

peals Act 1993. He also had jurisdiction to decide whether an intended appeal fell within that jurisdiction. The jurisdiction was triggered when a notice of appeal was duly served.

The adjudicator had to decide whether the secretary of state had taken a decision specified in section 8 of the 1993 Act. That did not include the rejection to the claim of asylum itself.

Under the statutory scheme there could have been no decision within section 8 if there had been no fresh application by Mr Cakabay.
The critical issue was not

whether the special adjudicator had jurisdiction to decide whether asylum-seeker had made a fresh application, but the legal test to be applied by the adjudicator in deciding whether he had jurisdiction to hear the appeal.

The secretary of state argued

himself had decided that there was no fresh application, for that was

Mr Cakabay argued that the test was whether the special adjudi-cator considered that there was a fresh application.

His Lordship reviewed the relevant authorities, it was established that an asylum-seeker could make more than one claim for asylum but only if the later claim was a fresh claim, sufficiently different from the earlier to admit of a realistic prospect of its success.

Under Rule 346 of the lmmigration Rules (HC 395), the secretary of state decided whether the aplicant's further representations should be treated as a fresh That raised the question

whether an appeal lay to the special adjudicator against the ecision of the secretary of state that a claim was not a fresh claim. not bound by authority in deciding that question. In his Lordship's view, no ap-

peal lay to the special adjudicator for the following reasons. A de-cision not to treat representations

as a fresh application was not a decision falling within section 8. and therefore did not trigger the adjudicator's jurisdiction.

Unless and until the secretary of state had accepted that the claim was fresh, there was no occasion for making any decision falling within section 8. Both a fresh application and an adverse decision on that application were required to trigger the right of appeal under section 8.

Although the fact that the refusal to treat further representations as a fresh application might have the same practical effect for the applicant as an adverse decision which fell within section 8, that did not mean that it was such an adverse decision or that it had the like legal consequences in respect of a right of appeal.

Parliament could have conferred on an applicant a right of appeal in respect of a decision that an application was not fresh but it did not do so. His Lordship accord-ingly concluded that the judgment ther or not there had been a fresh application was for the secretary of state alone to make. Solicitors: Treasury Solicitor;

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### No change in vocation in change of hours

Edmunds v Coleman (Inspector of Taxes Before Mr Justice Lightman

(Judgment November 4)

For the purposes of Schedule D income tax, a taxpayer who changed from carrying on his business activities on a part-time basis to a full-time basis did not effect a discontinuance of his

previous vocation and the commencement of a new one. Mr Justice Lightman so held in the Chancery division in a reserved judgment allowing an appeal by way of case stated by the axpayer. Mr Timothy Edmunds. from a determination in July 1997 Maidstone general

Mr Jeremy Woolf for the taxpayer: Mr Timothy Brennan for the Crown.

MR JUSTICE LIGHTMAN said that the taxpayer was a television producer and had been employed as such by TVS Ltd. That employment had taken up only about 40 per cent of his working time and he had spent 60 per cent of his time working In 1992 and thereafter he worked freelance on a full-time basis, his profits from that work increasing enormously after June 1992.

The commissioners had held that "the change from the taxpayer conducting business activities on a part-time basis to his full-time engagement in business was of such a character that a new on was commen

That decision could only be disturbed if it was one which they could not properly reach on the evidence. They had accepted that the taxpayer provided the same services throughout, the only difference being in the hours spent and the profitability of his endeav-

As a matter of law, the intensification by a person carrying on a vocation or profession of his efforts or the increase in the return for his efforts could not effect a dis-continuance of his previous, and the commencement of a new, vocation or profession. What was required for such

purposes was a material change in the character, or the "essence" as if had sometimes been called, of his pursuit. The natural development or organic growth of his business or practice was not sufficient; see Rolls-Royce Motors Ltd v Bamford ((1976) 51 TC 319).

Mr Brennan placed great weight on Form 41G, submitted on the taxpayer's behalf in 1992 and specifying April 1992 as the date on which a new business commenced. The taxpayer had said that that had been inaccurately completed and should be ignored.

If the commissioners had lent any weight to the admission con-tained in that form it would have been quite wrong for them to have done so. The admission was of no assistance where the primary facts, namely that the taxpayer carried on business exactly as before save only more intensively and successfully, were clearly stated. The only conclusion from those primary facts required the appeal to be allowed.

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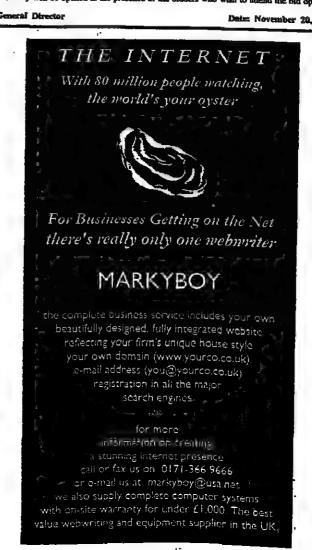
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### Too much support swamps recipients

By Rodney Hobson

A SENIOR banker has called for organisations such as Business Links and training and enterprise councils to be replaced by a single private-sector body.

Small businesses are in danger of being swamped by the current fragmented support service, fears Peter Ibbetson, of National Westminster Bank. It means that even banks are not sure where to send small businesses for advice.

In the latest In Business, the bank's newsletter, he says: "Everyone, it seems, wants to help small businesses. I am, however, concerned that small businesses may be in danger of being swamped by the number of organisations that exist to support them. In addition to the Chambers of Commerce movement, the last Government created the twin structures of Business Links and training and enterprise councils in England and Wales and local enterprise

companies in Scotland.
While all of their work is valuable, the fragmented nature and sometimes variable quality of help means that businesses do not always know where to turn. As bankers, we do not always have a cred-

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ible option to suggest to customers."

Mr Ibbetson, head of NafWest's small business services, argues that businesses facing growing competi-tion want specialised services."that cannot be met by an inefficient support network". He welcomes a suggestion by the British Chambers of Commerce for a new style of chamber streamlined to include many of the activities currently carried out by several bodies.



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# Welsh firms show how to bring on graduates

Three small

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**Iola Smith** 

mall businesses in Wales are being encouraged to expand by employing graduates.

The talent, drive and capability of graduates can really help small companies improve their competitiveness by bringing innovative ideas to the marketplace," said fain Willox, skills development director of the Welsh Development Agency (WDA) and instigator of the Graduate Wales initiative.

Traditionally small businesses have not recruited from universities. However, the WDA is convinced that it is essential for them to do so now, given the increasingly competitive marketplace. Among the companies to benefit is Remedy Computer Services of Bangor, a software business established in 1993 by three graduates from Bangor University. The staff has grown to nine through the employment of graduates.

"We take the graduates' basic academic skills and put a commer-cial edge on them," explained David Fennah, Remedy's commer-

"Initial training takes from three to five months, because we take personnel development really seriously, as people's skills are the bedrock of our business."

Among the company's customers are BT, ICL and the inland Revenue. Mr Fennah said: "It is vitally important that Remedy keeps ahead of new software languages. Training in language development is essential for new recruits."

Graduate recruitment is not limited to information technology projects, however. Remedy also uses them in administration and

Improving marketing opportunies is also the objective of the Royal Oak Hotel, Welshpool, in seeking graduate assistance.

A family business for almost 70 years, Margaret and Robert Landgrebe, its third-generation owners, sought to develop the

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Graduate training and development at Remedy Computer Services

Royal Oak into one of Wales's top three-star hotels. Management had to aim for more ambitious business targets. "I had done the marketing on a part-time basis, but I felt we needed some additional expertise," said Mr Landgrebe. "A full-time marketing person was a luxury I

**6** We take the graduates' basic academic skills and put a commercial edge on them 9

thought we could not afford. Then I was introduced to the idea of shortterm graduate placement, which seemed an ideal way to accelerate our business development plans at a modest cost and risk."

The hotel has two graduates working on 12-week placements. The first of these, who is responsi-

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ble for advertising the hotel and developing new attractions within it, will be offered a full-time position as marketing manager when the placement is completed. Improving exports is Metpost's

intention in recruiting graduates. This family-owned business manufacturers steel bases for fence posts in Cardiff and recruited Sylvain Beree, a French national, to help to increase sales in France. The success of that venture has encouraged the company to take on

a Japanese graduate to raise the company's profile in Japan. The hope is that the project will emulate the French success. These three companies illustrate how small businesses can utilise graduates' skills. And in doing so.

they benefit themselves, as well as providing welcome employment for the graduates.

Fortunately for both small businesses and academia the message is getting across. Last year, when Graduate Initiative began, small businesses in Wales took on 150 graduates on a full-time basis and offered short-term contracts to a further 300.



Accelerating business growth at the Royal Oak Hotel

# Kall Kwik founder urges Beckett to back franchising

A CALL for the Government and the big banks to put £10 million over five years into making Britain a world leader in franchising has been made to Margaret Beckett. President of the Board of Trade. The funding would pay for research into the needs of franchis-

ers and franchisees, training, and raising public awareness of business opportunities in the sector. The submission also asks for more tax breaks for franchise start-ups. The author is Moshe Gersten-

haber, chairman and founder of Kall Kwik Printing, one of the bestknown names in British franchising. Mr Gerstenhaber was a member of the council of the British Franchise Association for ten years.

He said: "I am disappointed that we in the UK are content to allow the relatively leisurely pace of development and growth of franchising to continue. The potential benefits that franchising has to offer to the UK economy and its small business community are far greater than has been realised. Unless we undertake more drastic action now, the UK will never tap the value of this asset to the full."

Mr Gerstenhaber claimed that investment in franchising would produce greater benefits than the vast sums poured into research and development by producers of computer parts or into the promotion of

consumer branded products. Research would establish the factors that fuel growth in franchising, such as what type of person makes a successful franchisee and how these traits can be identified; the complex relationship between franchiser and franchisee; training and education; and finance. Investing just £1 million a year in franchising would create 100,000

jobs and huge amounts of income, Mr Gerstenhaber says. Even this modest level would make the UK the centre of European franchising excellence, yet there is no specific

government programme to encour-age franchising, he says.

Mr Gerstenhaber praised banks for supporting franchising, but sug-gested that five should each put up £200,000 a year, with the Government providing matching funds. He said: "Most franchisers are fairly small companies with very limited ability to fund activity that does not provide immediate return in terms of services to their franchisees, reater sales and improved income. We are talking about infrastructure investments which are normally provided by government or by institutions with the financial strength to take the longer-term

A number of universities and business schools do research in isolation, Mr Gerstenhaber wants to bring them together to decide priorities and to divide the work between them.

He argues that the higher success rates of franchises compared with other start-ups justify specific tax incentives. Franchisees, including silent partners, should be able to offset the total cost of setting up. including borrowing, against income in the first year or from previous years. This could produce working capital or cut borrowings, so lowering the break-even point.

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Yes, but he kept a clean sheet in the first half, and Leeds

But your other Leeds man. Molenaar, didn't play. did

Well, that's George Graham's fault, not mine. And you're always saying that forwards I think about signing don't score, but I thought about signing Andy Booth, and he put Sheffield Wednesday ahead against Arsenal. And did you sign him?

Not as such. Big Ron did OK, though, I must admit. As I predicted. But then players are always out to impress a new manager. It might not be so easy next week at Southampton. David Hirst is playing against Wednesday, his old club, and he'll be extra-keen to score. I'm

thinking about signing him. You've been reading the newspapers, haven't you? This is advanced strategic thinking by your standards. Yes, but I'm getting close to my transfer limit.

Pardon me? You didn't enter the transfer market until a few weeks ago. True, but I've gone a bit mad since then. Don't forget you're entitled to 20 more transfers after

December 13. That's what I'm relying on. But before then, there's another player revaluation. If you can get a couple of people in who are then revalued up. it gives you more money to play with.

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players, Saturday was indeed a day of fantasy football. Although Peter Schmeichel, his overall top points-scorer, had a relatively poor weekend. managing only one point. Arjan De Zeeuw and Des Walker, his central defenders, both enjoyed rare victories and even rarer clean sheets; Jeff Kenna of Blackburn Rovers and Celtic's Tommy Boyd, the full-backs, were both on winning sides. Three of his midfield players, Neil Ardley of Wimbledon, Nicky Butt of Manchester United and Stefano Eranio of Derby, scored goals, the last two in victories. while Derby's win over Coventry City was also worth three points to Jim Smith, Mr

Gregory's choice as manager. The only player who made no contribution over the week-



end was Trond Egil Solvedt, of Coventry City, who did not play. If Stan Collymore's "goal" for Aston Villa against Everton had not been disallowed for offside, who knows how much further he might

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The higher up the lists you are, the stiffer the competition.

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# Guide to players, transfers and revaluations

A recent influx of top players into ITF has brought the chance to buy some exciting young strikers for your team

nteractive Team Football entrants looking for some fresh faces to liven up their teams have been pleased to note some significant recent additions to the ITF lists, including some of the most talented young forwards to emerge for several seasons. A valuation of £4.5 million reflects the enormous potential of Michael Owen, the Liverpool prodigy who scored on his league debut within min-

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against Spurs two weeks ago. Across town, Everton's Danny Cadamarteri has been attracting rave notices. He marked his full debut with a goal against Barnsley at Goodison Park and he followed that up with a strike to settle the first Merseyside derby of the season, guaran-teeing him an instant place in the folklore of the blue half of

utes of coming on as a substi-tute against Wimbledon at Selhurst Park last season, and

got his first Anfield goal

Liverpool - yours for only £2.5 million.

Valued between the two is Kevin Davies, who first came to nationwide attention when his hat-trick for Chesterfield at Burnden Park put Bolton out of last season's FA Cup. His transfer to the south coast was virtually the last act of Graeme Somess's manager-ship at The Dell, but it was a parting gift that the club has reason to be grateful for. His goal against Everton, a solo run from the half-way line past most of the defence, caused the country to sit up and take notice, and his good form continued with a goal at Newcastle on Saturday.

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Joe Kinnear has also un-

earthed another new talent



from the youth team - Carl Cort (£3m), whose height has been a valuable factor in the Wimbledon array of set plays, and has now scored six goals or is it seven? With a true striker's hunger. Cort is claiming an own goal, in a game at Derby, as his own.

NICK SZCZEPANIK

#### DECEMBER REVALUATIONS: SEE NEXT MONDAY'S TIMES

THE SECOND player reval-uation of the 1997-98 Interactive Team football season takes place next Monday, December 1. The revaluation takes effect from midnight on Sunday November 30, and a list of new player values will be printed in the Sport section of MONDAY'S Times in addition to the on-screen infor-

mation available to entrants via Sky and the Internet. A change in the total value of your squad which takes it over £35 million does not mean you must make transfers to reduce the total; in effect you have made a profit which can then be used as you see fit. Equally, a fall in the total value of your team does

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difference between the new value and the £35 million starting budget.

Valuation changes can be dramatic. In October, Marco Negri's price shot up from £3.5 million to £6.5 million, while that of his compatriot, Paolo Di Canio, dropped from £6.5 to £3 million.



Cadamarteri: the young Evertonian with a growing reputation is a recent addition to ITF

THIS WEEK'S MOVES

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☐ YOU MAY transfer as and when you wish according to your team transfer allowance. If a player or manager moves teams during the season, it may affect the composition of your team. You may adjust your team by using the transfer system to avoid missing out on

 $\hfill\square$  EACH TEAM that was entered at the start of the season was allocated 60 transfers for the season and each team registering after that date has its number of transfers reduced by three per week up to December 13. All teams registered before noon that day will beallocated an extra 20 transfers. Teams registered after noon on December 13 will be allocated 20 transfers for the rest of the season.

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☐ YOU MAY make up to four transfers per call but may make as many calls as you wish to achieve the required amount of transfers.

TRANSFERS made before 12 noon on any day will become effective for matches starting after that time. Transfers made after 12 noon will become effective for matches starting after 12 noon the following day.

YOUR NEW player only starts to score points for you when his transfer is registered. The current score of the player transferred out remains part of your team score but he then ceases to score for you. ☐ CALLS COST 50p per minute and calls from a telephone box cost

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#### **NEWS**

#### Go-ahead for Whitehall sale

All government departments will be allowed to sell their assets and go into business as commercial enterprises under proposals unveiled by the Treasury. Alistair Darling, the Treasury Chief Secretary, published a 550-page National Asset Register listing the land, buildings, equipment and art owned by the Government. Treasury sources believed the total 

#### Yamaichi chief sobs as firm collapses

Sobbing with shame and humiliation the president of Yamaichi Securities begged for work for his 7,500 employees, as his firm collapsed with liabilities of \$24 billion (£14.2 billion). "It breaks my heart that the situation has turned out like this," Shohei Nozawa said as the securities firm marked its 100th 

#### Spencer 'affairs'

Earl Spencer, the brother of Diana. Princess of Wales, had affairs with up to 12 women during his marriage, a South African court was told.

#### Hunting ban

As campaigners mobilised for Friday's vote in the House of Commons the Government announced that hunts have been banned from digging out foxes on Ministry of Defence land .Page 2 BBC climbdown

The BBC made an embarrassing High Court climbdown over a long-running dispute over who should profit from the American rights to the detective series Dalziel & Pascoe......Page 3 eral murders....

IRA rift The mother of the hunger striker Bobby Sands has intervened to help prevent the rift in the IRA and Sinn Fein from deepening.

republican sources said... Page 4

#### Wrong choice

Truants were cleaning car windscreens at a traffic lights when they decided that a chauffeurdriven limousine looked like a good prospect. It was Baroness Blackstone, the Minister for Education and Employment ... Page 5

#### Hutchence mystery

The rock star Michael Hutchence died from hanging, but it was still not confirmed last night that he

#### Smear test hope

A computer test for cervical cancer could save the lives of hundreds of women every year and cut the number of incorrect smear

test results ... MI6 book 'offer' A sacked Mi6 officer who has pleaded guilty to a charge under the Official Secrets Act was of-

#### ployers in return for his book. a court was told .....

fered money by his former em-

Mandela evidence Winnie Mandela sat impassive through eight hours of harrowing testimony as former friends and long-standing enemies accused her of torture, abduction and sev-..... Page ii

#### Aids cure hoax

Basil Wainwright, who once swindled Noel Edmonds out of E70,000 in a phoney powerboat scheme, is peddling unapproved treatment to dying Aids and cancer sufferers. .... Page 12 French tensions

Insults flew between the rival camps of Lionel Jospin and President Chirac, amid predictions that their power-sharing is heading for an early break-upPage 13

#### Listening President

His cholesterol is down and his injured knee has fully recovered but at 51 President Clinton now wears a symbol of advancing age: committed suicide ......Page 7 a pair of hearing aids ..... Page 15

#### He's called the hidden paw

■ Downing Street went to extraordinary lengths to disprove reports that Humphrey the cat had not been killed off by Cherie Under strict security conditions normally reserved for the Budget one handpicked camera crew and photographer were led, in a cloak-and-dagger cross country chase....



The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey, and the Archbishop of York, Dr David Hope, at the opening of the General Synod

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stockbrokers has been placed in liquidation. More than 300 in London will lose their jobs ..... Page 27

Castnos: The secretive Barclays twins, David and Frederick, were said to have no financial interest in the company bidding to win a casino licence for the London Ritz. which the Barclays own .... Page 27 Inflation: Eddie George, the Gover-

nor of the Bank of England, suggested the Government would lower its inflation target because 2.5 per cent may be too high for entry to a single currency...Page 27 Markets: The FTSE 100 fell 87.2 to 4898.6. Sterling fell from 104.5 to 104.2 after a rise from \$1.6895 to \$1.6924 but a fall from DM2.9531 to DM2.9368.

#### SPORT

Motor rallying: Colin McRae and Richard Burns shared the lead with one day of the Network Q RAC Rally remaining. McRae made a remarkable recovery after ...Page 52 driving into a ditch .... Footbell: Aston Villa's visit to Steaua Bucharest in the Uefa Cup

the domestic stress that has beset them this season.. Rugby union: Patrick Sanderson, 20, a Sale flanker, is in the English Rugby Partnership XV against New Zealand alongside seven full

offers them welcome respite from

internationals..... Cricket: Chris Adams, the Derbyshire batsman, is set to sign a threeyear contract with Sussex. He will also become their captain in succession to Peter Moores ...... Page 52

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Star turn: Veteran performer Barbara Cook celebrated her 70th birthday with an Albert Hall concert that successfully combined the best of her singing and acting

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derelict cotton mill

is being adapted for

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Tom Clancy speaks out

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#### THE PAPERS

Is it possible that in less than two years of Conservative rule Australia has changed so much? In this country, which one believed to have turned deliberately towards Asia and which was said to have decided to reconcile itself with its shadowy past, Australians themselves today seem confused about the direction or rather lack of direction given by the Conservative coalition led by John Howard since its return to power in March 1996 - Le Monde

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If the task of shoring up confidence in Asia's debt-ridden financial sectors is bungled - and to be effective, the medicine must startworking almost immediately - the impact of an Asian liquidity crisis will cut growth ......Page 19

#### Reform and resistance

Sir Archie Hamilton could do as much damage to the Conservative cause in this Parliament as Neil Hamilton did

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Whether the response to the crisis is adequate will depend on whether the affected countries themselves, particularly Japan, are prepared to get to grips with their neglected problems at home ...... PETER RIDDELL

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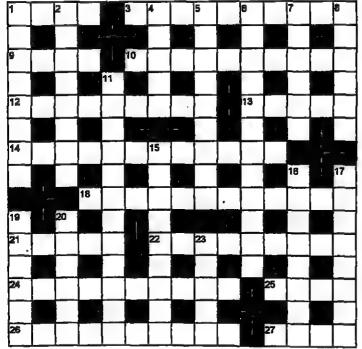
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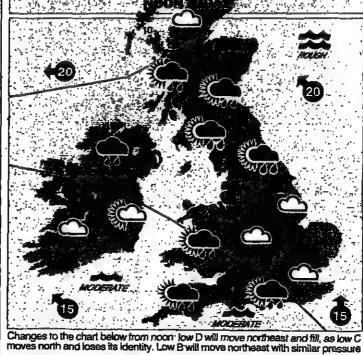
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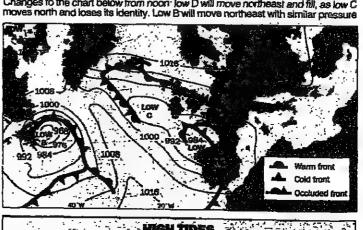
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**TUESDAY NOVEMBER 25 1997** 

# Yamaichi fallout feared

# Analysts say collapse may trigger 'domino effect'

By Richard Miles and Oliver August in New York

THE collapse yesterday of Yamaichi under a Y3.2 trillion (£15 billion) mountain of debt sent chills through the world's financial markets and raised the prospect of a systemic crash in Tokyo.

A senior executive at the bro-ker, Japan's fourth largest, said its closure could trigger a "domino effect" among the country's financial institutions. John O'Donnell, an analyst

at Yamaichi International Europe in London, warned that Japanese banks were being crippled by bad loans, corruption and the weakness of other Asian economies. This is a potential crisis, the dimensions of which have not yet been fully appreciated. How bad it is depends on how effectively Japanese authorities react to restore confidence."

The Tokyo stock exchange was closed yesterday for a national holiday, but European markets reacted nervousy to the collapse of Japan's oldest brokerage. In London, the FTSE 100 index, closed down 87.2 points, while the Dow Jones in New York opened 50 points lower on the news if Yamaichi's demise.

As a tearful Shohei Nozawa, president of Yamaichi, apologised to shareholders and clients for the biggest corporate failure in Japan since the Second World War, market analysts said Yamaichi's problems years, "Not many people have been surprised by this. When the Japanese economic bubble burst, when banks and brokers were on p/e ratios of 85, it was clearly on the cards. Most of the Japanese securities firms could follow, and it will

become a self-fufilling prophecy," said one. About 300 staff at the firm's London headquarters in the City were told of the closure by their chief executive, Kenkichi Nakajima, at an early morn-ing meeting, described as sombre. All will lose their jobs over the next six months to a year, with the bulk going in

President's tears. Japanese gloom.

the first few weeks. A spokesman for the bank said it was impossible to judge how long it would take the London operation to wind down its positions. He added, however, that staff would receive some form of redundancy payments, and that "contractual bonuses" would be paid when they fell due.

UK regulators said they were keeping a close eye on the winding down of Yamaichi in the UK, where about 250 people work in securities, and

ing to be greeted by headhunt-ers, offering to find them a new job "within days".

In Tokyo, the authorities confirmed that they would use taxpayers' money to ensure that no depositor or client was left out of pocket by the collapse of Yamaichi. Banking sources said yesterday that even after selling its assets, Yamaichi could face a short-fall of up to \$10 billion.

The Ministry of Finance also said it would take steps to

provide liquidity to the rest of the banking system and so avoid the collapse of any more financial institutions. Besides Yamaichi, Sanyo Securities, the seventh-largest broker, and Hokkaido Takushoku, a commercial bank, have been forced to close because of a

Yamaichi's problems have been compounded by a string of scandais, including a secret off-balance sheet debt close to \$2 billion (£1.2 billion). Under a scheme known as tobashi, Yamaichi absorbed the losses of favoured clients by moving the bad loan from one account to another on the understanding the firm would support it. Mr Nozawa confirmed for

the first time that the bank had Y264.8 billion off-balance sheet losses, including tobashi debt of Y158.3 billion. He said. however, that the firm's assets



### Inflation target may be cut, says George

By Alandair Murray ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

EDDIE GEORGE, Governor of the Bank of England, yester-day suggested that Gordon Brown may lower his inflation target because the existing 2.5 per cent rate may be too high for entry into a European

single currency.

Mr George told the European Parliament's monetary affairs sub-committee that the current rate "may prove higher than is ideal" and suggested that the Chancellor might consider lowering it to 2 per cent "in the light of what happens in the euro zone".

The Governor added that the Bank believes that sterling's current high level is un-sustainable, but that there was little that the Bank could do but "grit its teeth" and wait for the exchange rate to decline. Mr George's comments

came as the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development issued a report arguing that US base rates would need to rise by half a percentage point next year to head off rising inflation. Peter Jarrett, head of the

OECD's US desk, said that the OECD had originally recom-mended a 0.75 percentage point rise in base rates, but that "disinflationary shocks" from the financial turmoil in Asia would help to take some steam out of the US economy. The OECD's latest US Economic Survey also claimed that the US needs to do more to tackle its budget deficit and

chose four, spending a total of \$1.2 billion (£710 million).

of Netscape Communications,

the Web browser specialist.

and Motorola, the mobile

phone and microchip manu-

facturer. The identity of the

fourth company has not yet been disclosed, as Prince

Alwaleed is still buying stock.

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### Barclay's son raises £14m for casino

NORTH SEA OIL

London close ..... \$304.25 (\$304.95)

By DOMINIC WALSH

THE Barclay twins. David and Frederick, were yesterday said to have no financial interest in the company bid-Prince bought about 5 per cent ding to win a casino licence for the London Ritz, which the Barclays own.

Opening the licence applica-tion before the South Westminster gaming committee yesterday. George Carman, QC, said the Barclay twins were completely uninvolved with the venture. "They have no legal or financial interest in this at all," he said. "This company has one shareholder.

Mr Aidan Barclay."

Aidan Barclay, the son of David, has put together funding worth £14.5 million behind his bid and is pursuing the application through a newly formed company. Ritz Hotel Casino (RHC), in which he is the sole shareholder.

Mr Barclay, 41, told the committee that the Royal Bank of Scotland had provided RHC with a £5 million overdraft, he himself had injected equity capital of L3 million and there was a special reserve of £6.5 million as required by the Gaming Board.

He said that if a licence were granted, around £1.5 million would be spent upgrading the Ritz Club, which is currently operated by London Clubs International, LCI's lease runs out on June 31, 1998, at which point it will take the casino licence to new premises.

Among the directors of RHC is Michael Seal, managing director of Ellerman Investments, one of the Barclay Commentary, page 29 | family's holding companies.

### Peps lost £lbn as markets

crashed BY GAVIN LUMSDEN

PRIVATE investors lost £1 billion in Peps as stock markets crashed last month, new figures show. According to the Associ-ation of Unit Trusts and investment Funds the value of investments held within Peps fell from £35.86 billion in September to £34.86 billion in October. This represents a loss of nearly £140 for each of the 7.15 million Pep accounts currently open.

City institutions shared the pain as overall funds under management, including unit trusts, slumped £10.4 billion to £156.2 billion. Both private and institu-

tional investors continued to pour out of the Far East. Private investors in particu-lar raced home, putting three quarters of the £504 million they invested in funds picking UK com-panies. However, they also put a record £75 million into North American funds.

Uncertainty about the Government's attitude to Peps as it prepares to intro-duce the individual savings account (Isa) saw a sharp drop in the tax shelter's share of gross sales from 56 per cent to 43 per cent.

# Climbdown by Microsoft | News Corp stake for prince

MICROSOFT, the huge American software group, was forced into a humiliating dimbdown by the European Commission yesterday when it lifted a ten-year restriction on rival computer operating systems that meant they had to be compatible with out-ofdate Microsoft systems. Santa Cruz Operation

(SCO), an American company

with annual sales of only \$200 million (£120 million), had taken Microsoft to the EC to force it to remove a contract term from an agreement made in 1987 on the manufacture of Unix software.

Unix is the main rival to Microsoft NT in the market for operating systems for business computing. SCO com-plained that inserting the

Microsoft code made the Unix systems less competitive. Yesterday Microsoft waived the contract terms and freed SCO to make the Unix systems any way it likes.

Geoff Seabroke, vice-president of SCO, said: "This is a victory for the little man. The EC has told Microsoft that if it wants to beat us it has to do it

#### THE News Corporation, the Fahd and grandson of Saudi Arabia's founding father Ibn

parent company of The Times. yesterday confirmed Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal. one of the world's richest men, had bought about 5 per cent of the non-voting stock of the

Rupert Murdoch, chairman and chief executive of News Corp. welcomed Prince Alwalced, a nephew of King



Saud, as a shareholder.

The Prince's investment rep-

resents just over 2 per cent of

all News Corp stock. Prince

Alwaleed, who is believed to

be worth more than \$12 bil-

lion, told Time magazine he

had drawn up a list of 40 com-

panies to consider as invest-

ment targets. In the end he





The Foreign Office's newly appointed business ambassadors include Paul Smith, left, Lord Paul, Anita Roddick, Sir Colin Southgate, Sir Ronald Hampel and Sir Ralph Robins

By MICHAEL BINYON DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

ROBIN COOK, Foreign Secretary, will today sign up 35 leading business people to be roving ambas-sadors for Britain after Labour's promise to give business a greater

say in diplomacy.

The captains of industry will use their trips abroad to promote Brit-

ain's wider commercial interests, call ambassadors. The Foreign Office Sir Ronald Hampel of ICI, Sir Christopher Benson, of Royal & on ministers, deliver keynote speeches and talk informally to prominent local businessmen. They may extend their tours abroad to give dinners, lobby for British business or promote British exports.

A notable absentee from the list is Richard Branson. His Virgin airline is a bitter rival of BA, whose chairman is among the new business

yesterday said that there was no particular reason why Mr Branson was not on the list, and that he already served the country in many

have breakfast with Mr Cook this morning, include Sir Iain Vallance, chairman of British Telecom, Sir Colin Marshall, of British Airways. Ralph Robins, of Rolls-Royce, as well as the clothing designer Paul Smith and Anita Roddick, chairman of Body Shop, who has been outspoken on human rights issues.

Others due at the breakfast include: Lord Paul, of Caparo; Sir Colin Southgate, of EMI; Patrick Gillam, of Standard Chartered Bank: Sir Nigel Rudd, of Williams Holdings; Sir

SunAlliance, Sir Robert Clarke, of Thames Water: David John, of British Oxygen; Nicholas Scheele, of Jaguar: John Neill, of Unipart; Martin Sorrell, of WPP; Tony Ped-der, of British Steel: Allan Gormly. of BPB: David Brown, of Motorola; and Robert Wilson, of Rio Tinto.

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# ITV's tactics will cost it advertisers, says agency

vertising consultancy, will issue a stark warning later this week that the new sales strategy of ITV could force a number of youth and upmarket advertisers to drop ITV altogether.

The company's trading fore-casts for 1998 predict that there are real problems in store for ITV as a business not much more revenue and fewer advertisers". ITV's hopes rest on a new schedule of programmes pushing soap operas such as Emmerdale and Coronation Street.

Billets forecasts that the total net value of the commercial airtime market will be £2.57 billion - a rise of 6 per cent, or £142 million. Despite the help of the World Cup



BILLETS, the independent ad- finals in France in the second quarter, Billetts believes that ITV revenue will grow by 2 per cent, a decline in real terms.

Channel 4 will increase revenue by 3 per cent, satellite by 20 per cent from a relatively low base and Channel 5, with the help of its first full year on air, will rise by 63 per cent. Billets estimates that Channel will take £135 million in

advertising next year.

John Billett, chief executive of Billetts, which specialises in measuring advertising media effectiveness, will advise clients to reject attempts by the three big ITV sales houses to demand guaranteed shares of advertising agencies' total cli-ent TV expenditure.

"By asking the market to prop up its market share, ITV is effectively seeking a higher price for its product, which is already more expensive than its competitors," said Mr

By putting increased pres-sure on advertisers who are less reliant on ITV, Mr Billett said: "There is a strong proba-bility that a number of youth and upmarket advertisers will decide to drop ITV altogether." The consultancy estimates

that ITV's audience decline will slow to a 3 per cent loss, with Channel 4 losing 4 per cent. ITV's share of the number of eyeballs on advertisements will dip below 60 per cent in 1998. For the 16-34 audience the total will fall below 50 per cent, and for children to 43 per cent. In the past five years ITV has lost 15 per cent of its share

of male viewing. Mr Billett believes a high proportion of those now missing upmarket individuals.



New scheduling at ITV will put more emphasis on soap operas such as Emmerdale

#### Opec plans to reshuffle oil quotas

OPEC ministers headed to Jakarta yesterday aiming to perform a delicate balancing act that would allow them to pump more crude without panicking skittish oil markets into a price slide

(George Sivell writes). Saudi Arabia aims to orchestrate the first big reshuffle of production quotas in four years and shore up market sentiment in the trading pits that arbitrate what the world pays for energy.

Opec will have to fashion a quota structure that reflects the group's actual supplies to

# Survey highlights telecoms worries

By Raymond Snoddy, media editor

AN INDEPENDENT survey for British Telecom has found that European businesses fear that their global competitiveness could be damaged if telecommunications liberalisation is not implemented effectively across Europe.

In particular, businesses expressed concern that they face disadvantages if their country lags behind when telecoms markets are officially opened up to competition throughout the European Community on January 1. The survey, conducted by Research Interna-

tional on behalf of BT, found that more than half of Europe's business leaders were not aware of the significance of January 1, 1998, for telecoms competition.

Two thirds of business leaders criticised the pace at which liberalisation is being implemented, and 86 per cent agreed that telecommunications is critical to their competitiveness in a global marketplace. The survey shows that 85 per cent of Europe's business leaders welcome "a more open and competitive market".

Sir Peter Bonfield, chief executive of BT, said that BT is well placed to bring choice to the market through joint ventures. He added: "We look forward to delivering the high reliability, competitive pricing and excellent customer service

### **Enterprise** wins licence in claim dispute area

FROM CAROLINE GLUCK IN PHNOM PENH

ENTERPRISE OIL has been awarded a licence in a disputed part of the Gulf of Thailand after two years of prolonged negotiations.

However, it remains conditional on the dispute between Cambodia and Thailand over the so-called overlapping

claim area being resolved.
Thailand issued petroleum concessions for the zone in the Seventies, but no work has been carried out even though the claim area is thought to contain large potential gas reserves and, possibly, significant oil reserves.

Cambodia and Thailand held two rounds of talks in Bangkok in 1995 on their overlapping continental shelves, saying they were a constructive start to the idea of jointly developing the area. Further talks are expected to be held early next year.

Cambodia \$9.4 million (£5.6 million) once the dispute with Thailand is resolved.

Enterprise will become one of five petroleum companies that will pay the Phnom Penh Government a further \$36.77 million in placement

The company is joined by BHP of Australia, Conoco of America, and Inpex and Idemitsu of Japan.

Pou Sothirak, Cambodia's Minister of Industry, Mines and Energy, said that the agreement marked an important investment in the future

of the country.

He added: Today is a historic day. Cambodia is privileged to sign a conditional petroleum agreement with these major oil companies so we can proceed with our efforts to rebuild the economy of the nation. I think this will be the major income of hard currency for Cambodia."

The minister said that the signing showed international investors had confidence in Cambodia — a country whose image was badly dented after a coup in July that led to the ousting of Prince Norodom Ranariddh, the country's former First Prime Minister. ☐ Premier Oil yesterday announced a gas discovery off Burma. It was the company's fourth successful discovery

#### BUSINESS ROUNDUP

### Stylo gives new lead to Hush Puppies

STYLO has entered an agreement with Wolverine Worldwide to allow around 75 of its Hush Puppies shops to be converted to existing formats of Barratts and Saxone shoe shops and Instep Sports. The company also said that an improvement in trade in the past few weeks is expected to continue to the end of the financial year. In August 1996, Stylo acquired 120 Hush Puppies and 60 Saxone shops and entered into an exclusive agreement with Hush Puppies (UK) to operate free-standing Hush Puppies shops. Stylo has now entered into a new arrangement, which, it said, "will benefit the business by re-organising the Hush Puppies chain to produce enhanced profitability".

The company said that, during the past year, it has successfully started to rationalise the shops portfolio and has carried out a trial in 34 units converting some Hush Puppies and Saxone shops to either Barratts or Instep. The intention is to create one shoe shop and one sports shop in each city. Where the city or town is large enough, a second shoe shop will trade as either Saxone or Hush Puppies.

### Mapco sold for \$2.7bn

THE Williams Cos, the American energy and communica-tions group, is to buy Mapco, which markets natural gas liquids and propane in the US, for \$2.7 billion (£1.6 billion) in stock. Williams will exchange 0.8325 of a share for each Mapco share in a tax-free swap. Based on Williams's \$55.44 Friday closing share price, the deal values Mapco at \$46.15 a share, a 21 per cent premium over its \$38.13 Friday close. Williams said that the deal, requiring shareholders' consent, would let it increase its energy services earnings and rely less on its core natural gas pipelines and maturing communications business.

#### Firstbus £80m order

FIRSTBUS has placed an £80.8 million order for almost 800 high-specification vehicles, which will be brought into service over an 18-month period from March. The company said that the order covered a range of state-of-the-art buses, including 535 single-deck and double-deck vehicles and "midibuses" and 40 new-generation, low-floor articulated buses for use in urban areas from next summer. The order also includes 105 minibuses. All vehicles are low-emission models and have lower noise levels, complying with the latest European emission standards, the company said.

### Grid buys copper stake

NATIONAL GRID said that in conjunction with MPI International it has bought a majority interest in the power division of Zambia Consolidated Copper Mines (ZCCM) for \$50 million (£29.6 million). National Grid said the cash consideration will be contributed equally by both companies and will result in each acquiring slightly less than a 40 per cent stake in the Copperbelt Energy Consortium (CEC), formed for the purposes of the acquisition. Additional consideration and investment of up to \$14.75 million will be payable.

### Euro costs proposal

COSTS incurred by companies to convert computer software for the millennium and to cope with the euro being introduced on the Continent will all have to be charged directly against profits under a new ruling proposed by the Accounting Standards Board. The board's Urgent Issues Task Force has issued draft rulings forcing companies to disclose in their accounts how much they spend or are committed to spend on accounts how much they spend or are committed to spend on these measures. Comments on the proposals, which also cover taxes on gains from hedging, are invited by January 12.

### Recommended Cash Offer

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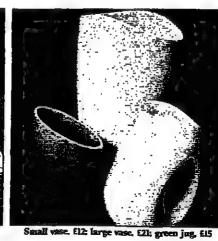


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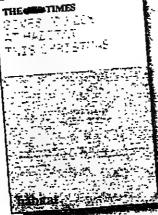


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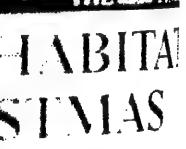
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nything can happen. Yesterday's long-trailed col-lapse of Yamaichi Securities could even prove to be the final cathartic collapse before Japan's financial system turns round. The world's number two economy has suffered a spiral of financial decline since its bubble burst in 1990. There has to be an end, but it will not come for a while yet without a discernible

change in policy in Tokyo.

After Wall Street's collapse in 1929, shares did finally ground in the summer of 1932, albeit with the Dow Jones average at only 42. Britain's dispiriting equity and property price collapse of 1973-74 seemed to be getting even worse when Burmah Oil was rescued by the Bank of England as 1975 opened. Instead, that proved to be the turning point.

The demise of Yamaichi. following the Bank of Hokkaido, is like earlier failures of Japanese institutions only big enough to cause any investor to gasp and worry. Yamaichi still followed old Japanese customs when the supporting mechanisms of the

corporate state had been knocked away. So did others. Logically, Yamaichi's fate should make life harder for others, whatever soothing words the authorities put out. Since the Nikkei share index peaked at nearly 39,000 at the end of 1989, investors have three times seen it tumble to about 15,000 and then rebound, most recently a fort-night ago. If shares plunge

# Japan's recession is the worry

through this support level, the ground is the limit. If they hold, there is a chance the Yamaichi drama will prove a true crisis.

Japan's economy seemed to recover from recession in 1995-96, but recovery was nipped in the bud when the Government prematurely tightened taxes by more than 2 per cent of national income to pay the recession bill.

Money is cheap already, too
cheap for hard-pressed investors.

So the obvious way for the Japanese Government to help is the way few now dare to consider: printing money to support the financial system.

Hong Kong, London and New York were right to avoid a panic reaction to the news from Tokyo. The risk is not yet one of financial contagion, since the causes of Yamaichi's collapse have no echo in the West. The financial risk is that the withdrawal of funds from US bond markets by Japanese institutions will accelerate again if the Nikkei crumbles, raising long rates.

The more insidious risk is to the world economy, Japan and the wounded Asian "tiger" economies account for more than a fifth of world output and are likely to be locked in recession for years. They could push the rest of



**COMMENTARY** by our City Editor

us over the brink. Only the US economy and the EU bloc are bigger. The former is at a stage when a mild recession is as big a danger as inflation accelerating.
After next year, EU countries signing up for monetary union will be keener to establish the credentials of their new currency than to sustain their recoveries. Western markets would be as

foolish to ignore this threat as Tokyo was to close its eyes to the meaning of the 1987 crash. Horses for courses at GEC

For a man who has spent 39 years with the same company, Sir Roger Hurn has earned an impressive reputation as an agent of change. If today brings the expected confirmation of his biggest change yet, a move to the chairmanship of GEC, then Lord Weinstock's creation will be assured of entering the

new millennium in good shape. That needs to be radically different to today's.

The former Agriculture Min-ister, Lord Prior, has proved to be a far more effective chairman of GEC than seemed likely when he took on the role. His affable style made him a super-salesman for the company as he traversed the world, leaving Lord Weinstock ensconced in GEC's meagre headquarters, counting the pennies and ruling out acquisitions in favour of joint ventures.

Prior's role was clear: to open

the doors, bring in the contracts and not interfere with the way Lord Weinstock ran his business. Today GEC needs a very different chairman, and Sir Roger fits the bill perfectly. Weinstock chose to hand over

his title to George Simpson, although the power to go with it took a little prising out. Whatever his inclinations, the current corporate governance standards could not countenance the new enobled

Lord Simpson of Dunkeld having the same proprietorial powers as did his predecessor. The chairman will have to provide a strong counterpoint to Lord Simpson's ambitions.

As chief executive and then

chairman at Smiths, Sir Roger streamlined the business, creating a group with three clean cut

This is in stark contrast to GECs plethora of companies and joint ventures that appear to have been structured by expert contortionists. Lord Simpson has already decreed his preference for extricating himself from these sometimes uncomfortable positions. Sir Roger has the experience and standing to help in negotations which will, in-evitably, be tricky. Floating GEC Alsthorn next year would be a major step in

sorting out GEC. A price tag of up to £4 billion would add to GEC's already loaded coffers and could encourage Lord Simp-

son to go on a spending spree. At that stage, Sir Roger's experience of value-for-money acquisitions would be a huge asset. But it is debatable whether this industrial

paragon would have saved Lord Simpson from his recent bruising row with investors over boardroom pay: Sir Roger's package last year was worth more than El.6 million.

t is good to know that when Anita Roddick is next in the Borneo jungles discussing the relative merits of native un-guents, she will also take the time bang the drum for Britain plc. Ms Roddick is just one of the famous names now set forth to sell for Britain by Foreign Sec-retary, Robin Cook.

Flying the flag

for Britain

The idea of bringing business expertise to bear on the Foreign Office is admirable. Already, under the last government, the idea of export promoters, seconded from industry, had begun to generate business. These were people who had gained inside knowledge of particular markets from actually selling to them. As export promoters, their expertise

was to be made available to other companies who wanted to tackle new markets.

Today's initiative is far glossier than the sensible idea of seconding managers into the Department of Trade and Industry, but will it be any more effective? Sir Colin Marshall already takes it upon himself to be an ambas-sador for Britain, albeit without benefit of royal insignia. The array of organisations he represents, in between carrying out his tasks as chairman of British Airways, would hardly seem to leave room for any further efforts, let alone speaking

engagements. Strong words from famous names are unlikely to win contracts for smaller companies. Help with more mundane matters such as funding for overseas exhibitions would be less glamorous but probably more

#### Clearly unclear

THIS afternoon the Chancellor of the Exchequer will tell us all what we have to think about over the next few months. That, at least, is the theory of a not-to-becalled-"green" Budget. But given what has so far been leaked about his intentions, from penalising private mileage to instituting a 10p starting rate for income tax, it is not quite clear how much consulting he intends to do before delivering the real Budget next spring.

# Allied Colloids rejects £1.1bn bid by US group

ALLIED COLLOIDS, the chemicals company, is fighting to stay independent after rejecting a £1.1 billion cash offer from Hercules, a larger American chemicals group.

The initial response from the City suggested that the offer of 155p a share is not enough for Hercules to be sure of victory. Shares in Allied Colloids jumped 412p, to 1672p, with some analysts saying that a bidder will have to offer close to 180p to win control.

David Parrar, chief executive of Colloids, said: "This is an unweicome bid. We are not up for sale. We have got a bright, independent future. We are in high-growth markets and we have got exciting prospects."
Colloids, whose chemicals are used in pollution control

and papermaking, pointed to

its record of sales growth aver-

aging 11 per cent a year. How-ever, Mr Farrar agreed that its



Keith Elliott, chairman of Hercules, in London yesterday

chemicals used in paper, food and paint, said that shares in Colloids had underperformed the UK market by 30 per cent or more over one, two and three years. Keith Elliott,

chairman, criticised Colloids's investment record, saying: Return on capital has been consistently Hercules said its offer was

heading

low for Colloids shares, of 1012p, and 35 per cent above the price before bid speculation began last Tuesday.

Colloids recently received a tentative approach from another potential purchaser, but said on Friday that talks had ended. Suggestions of other possible bidders include Dow Chemical, Ciba Speciality, BASF and Elf Atochem.

Mr Elliott had lunch with Mr Farrar a few months ago, but Hercules first contacted Colloids about a deal on Saturday. At a meeting on Sunday at the offices of Deutsche Morgan Grenfell, its adviser, Hercules asked Colloids to name a price its board would be willing to recommend.

Mr Elliott said that the two groups would form a very attractive portfolio of complementary chemical businesses, all employees. Any cost cutting would be decided by a team from both companies.

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### **Paragon** sales jump 118%

PARAGON, the reformed finance group, yesterday denied that it was growing too fast after it revealed that total funds lent had reached more than £1 billion in 1997 and mortgage sales had jumped 118 per cent.

The company, which changed its name from National Home Loans, recently diversified into consumer finance and vehicle contract hire. Yesterday it reported a 19 per cent rise in pre-tax profits for the year to Sep-tember 30, from £18.1 miltion to £21.6 million.

Earnings per share grew 19 per cent, from 20.6p to 24.6p, and a final dividend of i.Sp will be paid on February 2, bringing the total dividend to 2.7p. up from 2.4p in 1996.

# Airbus conflict

**BAe deal risks** 

FROM OLIVER AUGUST IN NEW YORK

BRITISH AEROSPACE is risking a dispute with its partners in the Airbus consortium by concluding a ten-year supply deal with Boeing, the main competitor to Airbus. BAe will supply wing parts

to Boeing's 737 jets, bailing out Boeing at a time of corporate turmoil. Last month Boeing announced it was taking a £1.6 billion charge to deal with production problems. Assembly lines for the 737

were closed down for several weeks after Boeing's regular suppliers could not cope with extra demand, Airbus is competing with Boeing on almost every airline order.

BAe has tried very hard this year to dispell the impression that it is not fully committed to the consortium, but reports of a transatlantic tie-up have repeatedly swept the markets. An insider at Aerospatiale, the

French Airbus partner, said: BAe is disappointed with us that privatisation Aerospatiale) and the creation of a single corporate entity is going so slowly. We try not to revive the old stereotypes about British commitment to Europe and British self-interest."

BAe said: "There was a competitive bidding process for this contract and we won. In the aerospace industry it is not unusual that people work for one another."

The City is not convinced that the deal will not upset Airbus partners. Chris Avery. aerospace analyst at Paribas, said: They may not be happy to find that British Aerospace has made a free-market decision to take part in Boeing production, and it wouldn't do much for the European perception of British commitment

to Airbus."

### Delphi tries to placate its investors

BY PAUL DURMAN

DELPHI, the IT staff provider, has attempted to address one of the investor concerns about its forthcoming Nasdaq listing by reserving up to two million shares for placing with its existing UK institutions.

Some institutions were unhappy about the Nasdaq placing, which is expected to raise about £35 million next month. because it will deny them socalled pre-emption rights and therefore dilute their ownership of the company.

Delphi's third-quarter results show pre-tax profits rising 31 per cent to £3.8 million. A higher tax charge and an increase in the number of shares in issue restricted earnings growth to 13 per cent. The nine-month figures show pretax profits 25 per cent up at £10.8 million.

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#### **Abbott Mead Vickers Profits warning puts** buys O'Connell group

the marketing group, could share £300,000 in incentive payments after the purchase of the company by Abbott Mead Vickers, its larger rival, for up to £2.5 million.

It is not known which O'Connell employees will receive the incentives, although Bernard O'Connell, the company's founder, will not bene-fit because he is a big shareholder and will have already

THREE serior employees of significantly gained from the The O'Connell Partnership, sale. O'Connell's clients include Avon and Next.

Momentum, a subsidiary of AMV, has paid £700,000 in cash from existing resources for the business, and is to make three payments -according to O'Connell's performance - in loan notes or shares. Ian Jacob, Momenturn, chief executive, said: "O'Cormell's skill base complements that of Momentum to a remarkable degree."

# Bluebird to flight

By Fraser Nelson

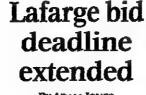
SHARES of Bluebird Toys lost 19 per cent of their value yesterday after the company said that problems in developing its North American market would force its profits below market expectations.

Mattell, the toy distributor, has told the company that it will not launch its Polly Pocket toys next year, but wait until 1999. It has promised to precede the next phase with a major relaunch. The dolls, which generated

13 per cent of company's business last year, will contin-

ue to be distributed in other markets, but will leave profits below the £7.33 million expected in the City. The warning comes six months after the company said other problems in the US

and Canada would see a decline in half-year profits for the second consecutive year. The shares, which were recovering from an 80p low, yesterday fell 1812 p to 8112.

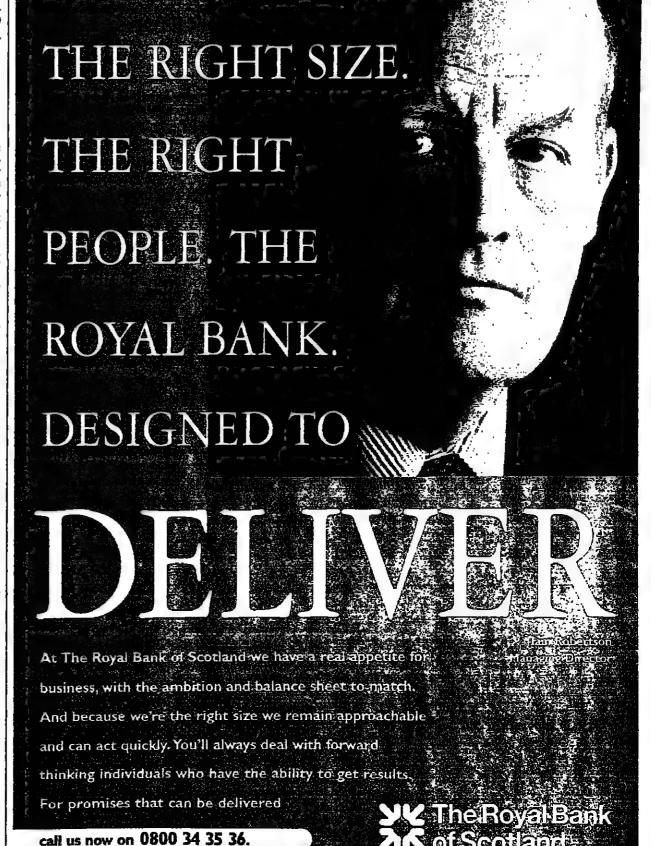


By ADAM JONES THE game of cat-and-mouse

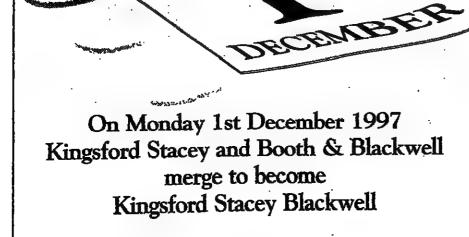
between Lafarge and Redland continued yesterday as the French group extended the deadline for acceptances of its 320p-a-share bid for the UK building materials company. Redland shareholders now have until 3pm on December 5 to accept Lafarge's hostile bid. Lafarge revealed that it had received acceptances representing only 0.83 per cent of issued share capital by November 21. However, it is yet to approach institutions, waiting for Redland to start wooing shareholders with its own value-enhancing counter-

As a central plank of its de-fence, Redland is expected to announce the sale of its interest in RBB, the world's biggest roof tile business, to the Braas family, one of RBB's main shareholders, for about £800 million. It is also understood to be in discussions with other parties regarding the disposal of further assets.

Lafarge is expected to announce on December 3 whether it will raise its offer. Redland shares closed down 1p at 33612p yesterday. The bid battle must be over by



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# London losses contain in the wake of Yamaichi

in response to the collapse of Yamaichi, Japan's fourth-largest broking house, under debts

Prices fell back across a broad front, but the meltdown that had been predicted in some quarters failed to materialise. Prices closed above their worst levels. The FTSE 100 index, down 102.2 at one stage, ended 87.2 lower at 4.898.6. Selling pressure was light, with just 658 million shares changing hands.

Traders said it could have been worse, but the opening losses on Wall Street were not as bad as had been feared and London kept its nerve. One trader summed it up: "We're not out of the woods yet, but it could prove sticky for Japan overnight and that could lead to a further sell-off today."

Merrill Lynch is taking an increasingly bearish view of the possible outcome. It has been telling clients that the problems of the Far East economies will have a significant negative impact on the profits of those British companies exposed to the region.

Reassuring noises from the Japanese central bank helped to calm the situation. In the meantime, investors must later today contend with the "Green Budget" proposals that will throw some light on Government spending for next year. The shock waves from

Yamaichi were clearly felt in the financial sector, where HSBC dropped 82p to £14.85, Barclays 24p to £14.35, Lloyds TSB 14p to 664p and Standard Chartered 46p to 682p. Some brokers back from Standard's operations in the Far East have expressed concern about the profile of its Ioan book, bearing in mind the recent problems of the tiger" economies.

The collapse of Yamaichi sent a few ripples through the likes of Fleming Japan Investment Trust, down 6p at 13ó¹₂p.

Dresdner Kleinwort Benson, the broker, has also been expressing caution about the market, highlighting the fall-ing loan volume, tighter margins and a slowdown in house price rises. Abbey Nationa fell 21p to 949p, Alliance & Leicester 1012p to 70712p and Woolwich lip to 290p.

Speculative buying drove Chemring Group 2512p higher to 164p. Weekend reports



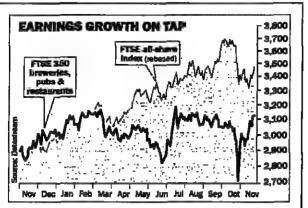
A broker's comment cost Marks & Spencer shares 1812p

suggest a bid from either rivals Cobham, 5p dearer 773<sup>1</sup>2p, or Meggitt, <sup>1</sup>2p lighter

Those speculators that were prepared to pay a hefty premi-um for Allied Collinds on Friday, after it was announced that hid talks had been called off, were handsomely rewarded when Hercules, the US group, launched its £1 billion offer yesterday. The shares

raced up 41<sup>1</sup>2p to 167<sup>1</sup>2p, topping the 155p being offered by Hercules as the Allied Colloids board rejected the offer. Almost 15 million Allied Colloids had changed hands

by the close of business. Suggestions that the Hallfax may make an offer for M&G Group lifted the latter 1212D to £14.00. Halifax, down 35p 675p, is reckoned to have had talks already with the



PANMURE GORDON, the stockbroker, has reached the condusion that most of us reached some time ago: that pub owners are effectively Licensed to Print Money. That is, in fact, the title of the broker's latest review of the licenced retall trade.

"The underlying premise of this note is that many of the

He says it is explained by the rapid development in the leisure market as a whole, with the UK starting to behave in an increasingly cosmopolitan manner. The pub has moved from being the central focus of local communities to being another competitor for the leisure pound in this more competitive climate. Top of Mr Wheatcroft's

shopping list is SFI Group. 2p easier at 105p. Its Litten successful, with unit turnover among some of the best in the industry. Others to make the "buy" list include Eldridge Pope, unchanged at 260 pg European Leisure, steady at 123 p; and Grosvenor Inns, marking time at 1925p.

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M&G management, but its approaches were rebuffed. There was some positive news at last for shareholders of Safeway, up 612p at 32512p, which fell sharply after last week after issuing its second profits warning of the year. Deutsche Morgan Grenfell has moved from "neutral" to "overweight" despite the rash of profit downgradings that

accompanied the figures. Great Universal Stores was steady at 706p, after touching 706p. Merrill Lynch has is-sued a "buy" recommenda-tion. But Marks & Spencer suffered with a fall of 1812p at 63412p after some cautious comments from Credit Lyonnais Laing. The price now stands 34p below its peak for the year.

Babcock International dropped 7p to 75p after BZW moved from a "buy" to a "sell". Hanson is just a shadow of its former self after its four-

way split, but according to ABN Amro Hoare Govett, the broker, the shares are probably worth more than the market gives them credit. Hoare says the break-up value of the business is probably worth 350p a share. They closed 612p dearer at 29012p.

A profits warning just a few veeks before Christmas left Bluebird Toys nursing a loss

of i812p at 8112p. The group says that results for the current year are likely to be below market forecasts. Mattel, the US toy maker, will not now distribute its Polly Pocket dolls in the US in 1998. ☐ GILT-EDGED: There was little scope for manouevre as far as investors were con-

cerned, with many of them adopting a low-key approach ahead of today's "Green Budget". Already shaken by the Yamaichi collapse, many of them took the view it was better to do nothing rather than pay the price later.
The bond market still managed to achieve useful gains in

thin trading.
In the futures pit, the December series of the long gilt finished £1132 better at £1187a

in modest trading. weaker in early trading, with investors unnerved by the demise of Yamaichi Securities in Japan. Traders said some downside correction was also probably due after the strong gains of last week. By midday the Dow Jones industrial aver-

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# Battling with Hercules

WHETHER or not Allied Colloids is knocked down by Hercules, the chemicals company will face a Herculean task to retain its independence. The British company gave the game away when it sought to draw attention to its consistent sales growth over the last ten years. As you might have guessed, a chart of the last decade shows sales rising elegantly and consistently into the sky, while profits remain stumbling around in the foothills.

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Colloids defends the recent record by pointing to the difficulties caused by expensive raw materials in 1995. It will also try to demonstrate the benefits from last year's \$234 million purchase of CPS Chemicals in the US. The fact remains that the longer-term record is uninspiring and the Hercules cash offers comforting certainty in troubled stock mar-

Despite sounding more like a medical condition than a company, Colloids certainly has its attractions. Its business is well spread around the globe, it has a good reputation for its technology, and it has substantial interests in fast-growing areas, most notably pollution control. The would-be bidder that was sniffing around last week may be persuaded to return to the table, and it is unlikely to be alone. Analysts reeled off the usual suspects as possible counter-bidders, including Dow Chemical, BASF, Ciba Speciality and Elf

offer, confident of some genuine industrial logic, such as in chemicals for paper-making. Colloids is not as dead in the water as Redland. But cautious investors might like to take advantage of selling at the current market price.

Atochem. Meanwhile, Hercules is making its

#### Standard Chartered

STUDENTS of banking history will remember the bitter battle for control of Standard Chartered Bank. After talks of a merger with Royal Bank of Scotland, Standard Chartered found itself at the end of an aggressive bid from Lloyds Bank. This squabble only ended with the intervention of the "white squires", a consortium of Far Eastern businessmen who saved Standard Chartered.

Well, it might all happen again. After years of misery and near-collapse, Standard Chartered is now one of the healthiest and most profitable banks in the world. Its internaaround the Pacific Rim. through Latin America and the Middle East, is the envy of

couple of quid two years ago.

aged to secure more than half of the £130 million market for education technology before the present Government swept to power. And it is hardly surprising that the City has got excited about new Labour's commitment to into the sector. But governments are not

many. Not least Lloyds TSB which, having pared back until virtually nothing existed beyond Dover, is now interested in international expansion. The Far East crisis has

brought Standard Chartered shares from a peak of nearly £11 to just 682p yesterday. Lloyds TSB could offer about 950p and have its

look too expensive to justify a

in one of the supposedly sexi-

who are struggling to cope with the millennium bomb,

the approach of EMU and

the general pace of techno-

logical change. This has not

prevented its share price de-

clining steadily throughout

the year, from 905p down to

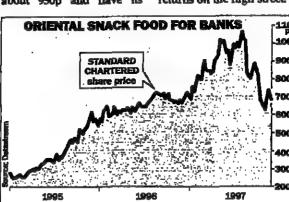
yesterday's close at 657½ p.

short-term punt.

Delphi

hand snapped off by investors. The result, an excellent world franchise for a bar-

gain price of £10 billion.
Unlike the rumoured merger of Barclays and NatWest, this deal would provide no regulatory probicms. It would also allow Lioyds TSB to deflect attention from its disappointing returns on the high street.



#### RM

AN INVESTMENT in RM is, in many ways, a display of trust in the Government more than the business itself. The educational technology group's shares look very expensive at 920p each especially when you remember you could buy them for a

Much of that extra value stems from a genuinely strong business - RM man-

known for their ability to keep promises. And if this sector really is going to triple years, as many analysts ex-pect, RM could find itself led underfoot by larger

companies fighting for a share of the action. Whatever The market had got a bit ahead of itself. But Delphi happens, RM's shares look also encountered some signs of resistance from its corpovulnerable at the current level. The company has alrate customers to keep forkready said that its first-half ing out for contract staff. The results will suffer as it waits third quarter results show UK sales moving ahead for government spending to flow into schools. RM's expesharply, but also show other growing pains, including risrience should enable it to ng overheads. After the elimmaintain a significant presence in an expanding and ination of tax losses in the exciting market. But on more than 25 times this year's US, the tax charge is also

earnings forecasts, the shares The buil case is that next month's Nasdaq listing will highlight just how cheap Delphi looks alongside its more highly rated US rivals.

The benefit from this will DELPHI is another company not approach the 50 per cent uplift that is theoretically er areas of the IT market arguable.

pects remain sound. While the business continues to grow rapidly in the UK, the US and in Europe, the current price looks well underpinned, at around 16 times next year's earnings. Hold.

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# Hercules Sun sets on Yamaichi as other brokers look on from shadows

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Tew financial Institutions can claim the distinction of celebrating their 100th anniversary by filing for bankruptcy. But this unfortunate accolade goes to Yamaichi. until yesterday Japan's fourthlargest securities broker.

News of Yamaichi's collapse under £15 billion of debt has surprised no one in Tokyo financial circles. It has been whispered for years that the broker harboured serious problems. As one investment banker said, the only surprise is that it has taken so long for Yamaichi to go under.

But coming on top of the failure earlier this month of Sanyo Securities, ranked seventh in the pecking order of brokerage firms, the world's financial community is now wondering whether Yamaichi's failure signals the beginning of the end for Japan's

Certainly, for the smaller brokers such as Taibeiyo — 40 per cent owned by Yamaichi the future looks bleak. The real concern is that the economic slump in Japan and a string of financial scandals may also bring the other socalled Big Four houses — Nomura, Daiwa and Nikko to their knees.

To compound their difficulties, the Japanese Government is seemingly committed to a programme of financial deregulation. Some believe that by exposing the brokerage firms to increased foreign competi-tion, while they are still mired in scandal and bad debt, the Ministry of Finance has effectively signed their death war-

With hindsight, Yamaichi's death has been a slow and painful one. The firm was once the country's biggest broker. decisions and dubious market practices brought it to the rink of bankrupty in 1965 y hen a stock market crisis drove investors to demand

their money back.
Only a Y28.2 billion (£130) million) loan from the Govern-



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after, the broker lurched from scandal to scandal.

Six years ago came the first reports of improper compensation to favoured clients, an off-balance sheet system known as tobashi deals, where bad loans are passed from one client account to another on the understanding that the firm will support the lösses. Yesterday, Yamaichi admitted to tobashi liabilities totalling more than \$2 billion

Yamaichi then became heavily implicated in a corpo-rate racketeering scandal, known as sokaiya, in which all of the Big Four have become embroiled. Under sokaiya, Japanese gangsters agree not to disrupt the public meetings of the brokers in return for

hush-money. Although the amount of money involved is small, foreign observers have leapt on the scandal as proof that Tokyo's investment firms are corrupt to the core.

in August, in a belated attempt to shake off the scandal. Yamaichi sacked II too executives, including the president and the chairman. But still the rumours of its rottenness persisted.

"Not many people are surprised by this. There has been a level of corruption in the Japanese banking system for a number of years. You name it, they have done it. Now their incestuous relationships have come home to roost," says one senior securities executive. Yesterday morning, Yamaichi had finally to make a clean breast of it. "This unexpected situation in our 100th anniversary is heartbreaking," said a tearful president, Shohei Nozawa. "We don't know how to beg the pardon of our customers, shareholders and many related people who care for us," he said. But how far has the rot

spread to other brokerage firms? The professional Cassandras are already predicting "domino effect", as the collapse of one firm sends another toppling. "If clients start moving their money, then it becomes a self-fulfilling prophecy. Most of the Japanese securities firms will go, certainly the second-tier brokers," forecasts one pessimist

Big Four could benefit from Yamaichi's ill-fortune. Nomura — head and shoulders above Daiwa and Nikko — is the obvious home for clients to take their money and their custom. Between them, these three firms could absorb Yamaichi's business — so lone as investors believe that they can safely entrust their money to them. And that's a big if.

Ethics to one side, even the financial fundamentals look bad. Save for Normura, Japanese brokerage firms are not in the best of financial health. Nikko reported first-half profits of just Y283 million, a 98.7 per cent fall year-on-year. Daiwa performed a little better, reporting a 27 per cent drop in profits to YI5.53 bil-

not halted overseas investment entirely. Two years ago, Nomura snapped up Angel Trains for an undisclosed sum and is now floating it on the market for up to £300 million. The same company overtook Bass and

After their own markets collapsed, the Japanese banks have lion. Yamaichi, the smallest of the four, plunged into the red with losses of Y2.72 billion, compared with a profit of Y2.07 billion in 1996. Nomura was the only firm

to buck the trend, turning a massive loss into a profit of Y49.7 billion. It also has size on its side. As one insider points out, a single UK deal ast year — the purchase of 57,000 houses from the Ministry of Defence for £1.6 billion - was bigger in value than the market capitalisation of Nikko's entire European operation.

Craig Chudler, a Tokyobased director of Salomon Brothers, the US investment hank, is convinced that Nomura and its bigger rivals can weather the economic storm and survive deregulation, including the impact of next year's abolition of fixed commissions. When the US Government made similar changes 20 years ago, commission levels fell by between 70 and 80 per cent.

There have been a lot of sceptics about deregulation. Some people describe Big Bang as more of a 'Little Bang': they don't believe it will happen." In reality, says Mr Chudler, deregulation has already begun. Brokers do discount commissions, although it tends to be institutional clients who benefit. "Those who need it most - private clients - aren't getting the discounts."

Foreign firms, such as Merrill Lynch and Morgan Stanley, both of America, have already made considerable inroads into the Japanese market, mainly through the liberalisation of asset management, but also in securities trading. Mr Chudler points out that American and European houses now control more than 50 per cent of the Japanese equities traded in Tokyo.

The real stumbling block is the retail market, the bedrock of securities firms like Nomu-"Everyone quotes this mouth-watering figure of Y1,200 trillion in personal savings. US banks think: if I could just get 1 per cent of that market, it's big business," says Mr Chudler.

Tet while the Japanese public save far more of their earnings than their American or European counterparts, they are notoriously conservative in where they invest their money. It is far from clear whether the collapse of Yamaichi and the string of scandals in the industry are sufficient for smaller savers to shift their allegiance.

Mr Chudler believes the only realistic route to this market for foreign banks is through partnership with existing Japanese banks and brokers, such as the recent deal struck by Invesco to market its mutual funds through the branch network of the Long-Term Credit Bank. One advantage of the current turmoil in Japan is that foreign banks can exploit the weakness of native investment firms to attain far more favourable terms.

Ironically, in the months leading up to its demise, Yamaichi had been touting the idea of such a partnership around the US investment banks, including Merrill according to Mr Chudler. But quite wisely, no one was willing to take on Yamaichi: the firm's "bag-gage" had become so well-known.

# Forget research, let's just have a great idea

s marketing becoming a slave to the scientific 🔔 methods of today's business environment? Has the industry surrendered the unpredictable qualities of flair and creativity for the certainties of science and modern technology?

For today's marketing director, who must constantly produce measurable returns on their marketing investment, the answer can only be yes. Yet, a survey out this week by Taylor Nelson AGB found that 59 per cent of 105 marketers interviewed believed that it is more of an art than a science.

But marketers take heart, A campaign to liberate marketing directors from the shackles of scientific research is gaining support in the boardrooms of some of the UK's biggest companies.

Only last week the chief executives of a number of firms called for a return to marketing as an art form.

George Bull, chairman of Grand Metropolitan and a one-time marketing director himself, issued a stark warning at a Marketing Society conference on the subject. Bull argues that the ad-

vanced technology which lies at the fingertips of today's marketers is in danger of becoming a handicap rather than an asset to the success of marketing.

"Nowadays some marketing managers shelter behind their pile of numbers, use research as a crutch, avoid judgements entirely and forget the goal of all marketing is distinctiveness in the marketplace," he said. "But the same information processed on the same software produces only 'me-too' ideas."

His view is supported by John Dale, European vicepresident of Pedigree Petfoods, part of the Mars Group, that great supporter of marketing.

While applauding the growth in sophisticated models that can measure everything from price clasticities to the strength of a brand in its product category, he cautions companies

"In many instances they (the models) have successfully enabled us, if not, to take the risk out of the marketing decision then at least to minimise it. But they are not a substitute for what I would call real marketing.
"They are all limited usu-

ally to the evaluation of quite narrow parameters within the marketing mix. But they will not go out of the square." In short they won't do the job for you.

Even Colin Smith, Safeway's chief executive and a former finance director, chimed in to defend the art of advertising, claiming that his company's Harry and Molly ads are twice as effective as his competitors' and are worth the annual £28 million investment.

So what is an entire generation of marketing directors schooled in the science of measurement and effectiveness to make of such seditious talk? Over the past decade marketers have made the scientific gathering of detailed data on their customers a priority. They are likely to be armed to the teeth with the very latest in research and

information. That alone is no longer enough to guarantee success. As Theodore Levitt, the American marketing guru, once put it: "An organisation never really researches the consumer's wants. It only researches the kinds of things which they have already decided to offer."

Peter Dart, an ex-Unilever marketing director of 14 years and now chairman of Added Value Company, a marketing agency, said: "I think Western companies have lost the art of creativity. Growth is coming from arcas such as cost-cutting, reengineering management and fine-tuning the supply chain, but it's not coming from great ideas. There doesn't seem to be the time for marketers these days to actually do any marketing."

There would 3M be without the inspiration of Art Fry, who dreamed up the idea of the Post-it Note after pages of his bible kept falling out and he happened upon a consignment of sub-standard glue.

"It's the sort of thing that you wouldn't have re-searched. They weren't responding to massive customer demand. It was just creating something out of nothing," said Dart.

Bull cites Bailey's Irish Cream, one of Ireland's biggest exports, as an example of how a successful marketing idea was born from a lunch. No research. No modules. No competitive analysis.

"In marketing inspiration is a matter of being the first in with a great idea that looks obvious once someone else has pointed it out," said

JULIAN LEE

# When financial woes ebb and flow

Britain has always been the favourite European shopping ground for Japanese investment houses and manufacturers. Their economy seemed to be in perfect harmony with ours: we slump-ed in 1973 when their economy () was slipping into top gear. We proved a touch expensive in the mid-1980s boom, but obligingly slipped back with a property slump as their economy surged ahead. Almost every time Britain has been in the doldrums.

Japanese benefactors have been there to shop till they drop.
It began with Toshio Arata, a 50-year-old business tycoon, who took a shine to the North East of England. He opened a plant for his NSK ball bearing

manufacturer in 1973 and per-

**Fraser Nelson** examines the relationship between

investment and the economies of Japan and Britain

suaded many of his fellow manufacturers to join him. Five years later, Nissan opened its first car plant in the North East, kick-starting a relationship which in the early 1990s saw \$20 billion of investment come to our shores each year. The electronics boys were

next to land. The friendly, and cheap, labour force saw Scotland highly favoured by the likes of NEC which in 1981 set up a semiconductor plant in the new town of Livingston. They liked it so much, they bought the companies. In 1984

Fujitsu bought ICL, the last British computer manufacturer. Soon afterwards Dai-Ichi Kanyo had become the world's largest bank. By the late 1980s, the Tokyo market had outstripped Wall Street in value. But their main penchant was

for star properties; Japanese developers snapped up Bracken House, the former head office of the Financial Times, having bid £144 million — some £80 million more than the next best offer. Mitsubishi bought Paternoster Square next to St Paul's Cathedral and after years of

redevelopment last year. Investments were not restricted to property. In 1987, an unnamed Japanese insurer staggered staff at Christie's by

paying £26.1 million for Van Gogh's Sunflowers — a painting now thought to be a fake. And Jusco, the Japanese department store group, must wonder how Sir Bernard Ashley persuaded it to buy 15 per cent of Laura Ashley. The stake is worth less than a quarter of the original cost. Japan's financial woes have

Allied Domecq to become Britain's largest pub owner in September, paying GrandMet £1.2 billion for 5,400 pubs.

been slowly slipping down mergers and acquisitions league tables as they concentrate on their own worries. With Japan in the doldrums — its property prices are a fifth of what they were seven years ago — it is the turn of UK retailers like Marks & Spencer to eye the Japanese market with envious eyes.

#### decisions you make today can have a has just retired as the Government's chief economic adviser, feeling the new Labour wind of change. "Last Friday was the first time since 1955 that I realised I did not have to work," he told the party, which included Gavyn Davies and Tim Congdon, from either ends of the economic spectrum. "I did work but I didn't need to."

Mervyn King, the new Deputy Governor of the Bank of England, led the tributes. "Without Alan the Treasury wouldn't have been such a success. Alan tells the truth which others prefer not to."

Ed Balls and Charlie Whelan, alas,

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# What's in t'name

WHY do all these American chemi-cals companies feel that they have to have such "I stride the world with a mighty bound" sort of names? First it was Millennium, the group spun out of Hanson, and now there is Hercules, which most Yanks will know as a Disney film rather than the hero of Greek mythology.
The latest trial of Hercules, of

course, is trying to persuade those obdurate Yorkshiremen at Allied Colloids to accept its £1 billion bid. The management of Colloids, of course, is far too down to earth to



start giving the company a fancy name, sticking with its old title which

sounds like a painful disease.

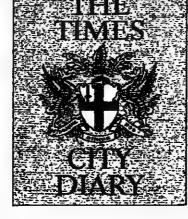
A City adviser tells me of visiting the group in Bradford not so long ago. "We don't get much of a profile in t'City," he was told. "How can we

Change your name," he answered and was promptly shown the door.

IN A similar vein, the word in West Yorkshire wine bars (yes, they do have them) is that if you combine Colloids with Hercules you end up with something close to Haemorrhoids.

### Mutual fiend

STILL within the Bradford metropoliran area, an attempt by the increas-ingly energetic chief executive, Christopher Rodriguez, to rally staff and increase morale at the Bradford & Bingley Building Society backfired vesterday. Rumours of a mass meeting organised in London, at which Rodriguez was giving a presidential-style address, reached a City hungry for news about the next demutualisation. Within hours, the Square Mile was rife with speculation that an announcement was imminent.



B&B tried, not entirely successfully, to dampen the excitement. "We are 150 per cent committed to mutuality," a spokesman said. "This is a meeting to reassure staff about branch

### Well I never

NOW it is not in the nature of this column to criticise management consultants: their work has always been recognised. So it is with some excitement that I note the offer from Menswear and Womenswear Executives, a consultancy specialising in fashion management, of two free hours of advice. Brian Ross, the group's manag-ing director, tells me that: "The birthday party of Sir Alan Budd, who

long-term effect on your business." With that sort of advice I am sure I am willing to double the fee payable for those two hours. Singapore sling

#### TIMING is everthing, as they say in Tokyo (no coincidence that Yamaichi collapses ahead of a public holdiay when the markets are closed). And also, it seems, in Aberdeen.

I note that those fine chaps,

Aberdeen Fund Managers, chose

yesterday to announce that they are listing its shares in Singapore. Martin Gilbert, Aberdeen's chief executive, tells me proudly that the group will be the first asset management company listed in Singapore and the first sterling demoninated company. Gilbert's colleague, Hugh Young, adds: "Our listing is clear confidence of our belief in the long-term prospects for Asia in spite of the current

Tell that to Nick Leeson.

#### **Darling Budd** AND as the markets were bracing

themselves on Sunday for the biggest securities business collapse in living memory, where were about 80 of the leading minds in the world of economics and finance?

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# Portfolio South Korean market slumps to ten-year low

SOUTH KOREA'S stock market plunged to a ten-year low as the country's bond markets tumbled, the currency fell and interest rates rose in response to the bailout package by the international Monetary Fund (IMF).

The sharp falls raised fears in Britain that South Korean corporations' expansion plans would be curtailed. Six South Korean projects have created or safeguarded 9,138 jobs, including LG's massive South Wales project and expansion by Samsung. The market mayhem formed an

unpromising backdrop to the first

Government officials and delegates from the IMF over the terms of a \$20 billion (£12 billion) rescue package. Markets were nervous in spite of a pledge by Korea's central bank to put \$6.6 billion into the money markets.

Three-year corporate bonds fell to a five-year low, yielding 16.05 per cent, against 14.5 per cent on Friday, and overnight interest rates soared to a one-year high of 15.50 per cent, against Friday's 14.87 per cent. The debt market barely operated, however, because there were no buyers.

The Korean stock exchange's composite stock index fell a record 7.17 per cent, or 34.79 points, to 450.64, the lowest seen since July 9, 1987.

Korean won, the rapid decline of which in recent weeks was one of the main reasons that Seoul called in the IMF, closed at 1085.0 to the dollar, a weakening from Friday's 1056.0. The won fell 6 per cent last week. It is now

20 per cent lower than at the start of

One analyst said: "People think the IMF package will lead to rises in interest rates, cuts in fiscal spending, more corporate collapses and lower

economic growth."

Analysts said the IMF was most likely to ask for tighter monetary controls and cuts in fiscal spending to tame inflation, but at the expense of

tion firms reliant on borrowings,

A government agency set up to buy the mounting bad loans of financial institutions opened for business yesterday, but it, too, failed to restore

South Korea's financial crisis has been caused by a string of corporate failures that have put enormous strain on the banking system. For-eign lenders have been refusing to over short-term loans amid growing concern about the creditworthiness of Korean banks. More than two thirds of the country's \$110 billion external debt as of March was due in a year or less. One of the first

the bad debt problems at Korean banks, estimated to total \$26 billion. South Korea's Finance Ministry had earlier ordered 12 merchant banks to liquidate their foreignexchange assets or face business

suspension. Many of the country's 30 merchant banks, unable to borrow dollars from domestic and foreign lenders, went into the foreign ex-change market in recent weeks, fuelling a currency crisis. President Kim Young Sam has told

the public to expect a painful period of lower growth, massive restructuring and higher unemployment before the economy emerges stronger.

Utility and

**TUC agree** 

power and

gas deal

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY NDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

SCOTTISHPOWER yesterday added seven million union members to its list of potential

customers in a deal with the Trades Union Congress's en-ergy dealing operation. The partnership is the biggest so far struck between energy

companies and businesses

The utility is to supply gas

and electricity to Union Ener-

gy in a five-year exclusive deal. Union Energy plans to sell power to members at dis-

The agreement boosts

ScottishPower's ambitions for

the developing market in

The company, which has two electricity businesses, a

water company and gas cus-

tomers, aiready serves about

one in four utility customers. It

also has a joint initiative with the AA to sell energy to a

possible six million people.
Union Energy, which met
with some union opposition

from within the Trades Union

Congress, will start seiling gas

in January. It will move into

the electricity market as that

starts opening in selected ar-

John Monks, General Sec-

retary of the TUC, said: "This

is a major step forward for the

TUC. Not only will members

benefit directly from the lower

cost energy, but the more who

join, the more influence unions and their members

will have in the industry.

garded employer with a good

Ian Robinson, chief execu-

tive of ScottishPower, said:

"Parmerships such as this will

be hugely influential in help-ing ScottishPower towards its goal of offering a package of electricity and gas to custom-ers across the UK."

The formation of Union

Energy had been condemned

by Unison, the country's big-gest union, and others which

eas next April.

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with large customer bases.

#### BUSINESS ROUNDUP

### BBA takes stake in **Hoechst division**

BBA, the engineering group, has bought a 15 per cent stake in AQF Technologies for \$7 million (£4 million) in a deal that may result in it acquiring the whole of AQF for up to \$100 million. BBA said that of the \$7 million. \$2 million is payable immediately and the balance over the next two years. AQF was recently formed from Hoechst AG's air quality filtration division and Hoechst will initially retain an 85 per cent stake. BBA may acquire the remaining 85 per cent by the end of the first quarter of 2004 for an estimated \$74.5 million.

If current forecasts are exceeded, the total consideration payable by BBA will not exceed \$100 million and will be satisfied in cash out of BBA's existing resources. BBA will contribute to the management of the company and will have two out of five seats on the board, increasing once BBA has a majority shareholding in the year 2000. AQF is based in Charlotte, North Carolina, and had net assets at October 31 of \$1.9 million. BBA shares fell 612p to 364p.

### Goodhead disposal

GOODHEAD GROUP has sold Southwestern Ontario Publishing & Printing (SWOPP) to Annex Publishing & Printing Inc for £2.3 million. The principal activities of Southwestern Ontario are publishing and printing local newspapers in southwestern Ontario, Canada. In the year to December 31, 1996, SWOPP achieved turnover of C\$12.49 million (£5.2 million) and earned a pre-tax profit of C\$378,000. Net assets at that date were C\$3.818 million.

### Pillar in joint venture

PILLAR PROPERTY, the property investment and development group, said it had formed a joint venture with Haslemere Estates, which acts by power of attorney for Rodamoo UK. The 50-50 joint venture will develop a 40-acre site at Capability Green Business Park, Luton, Bedfordshire, which will comprise 630,000 sq ft of office and related buildings. It is planned to build the park over the next five to six years on a pre-let and pre-sold basis.

### **Courtaulds Textiles pact**

COURTAULDS TEXTILES has agreed a 50/50 joint venture with Collins & Aikman, a leading American manufacturer of car interiors. The new company will be called Collins & Aikman Automotive Fabrics. Courtaulds said that it would transfer into the venture all of the automotive fabric design, technological and manufacturing resources that currently trade as CTAP in Manchester and Carlisle. This business had net assets of £5.4 million at December 31, 1996.

### Senior to buy Metal Fab

SENIOR ENGINEERING has agreed to acquire Metal Fab Machine, based in Florida, for about \$19 million (£11 million) from Flowserve Corporation. Senior said the exact consideration will depend upon the net asset value at closing, which, it is anticipated, will be approximately \$7 million. The acquisition will be financed from the group's existing borrowing facilities and is conditional on certain regulatory approvals. Completion is expected to be within two months.

#### Silvermines agreement

SILVERMINES, the electronics and electrical group, has agreed terms in its bid for Active Imaging, the digital imaging group, which offers 17 Silvermines shares for every 92 Active Imaging shares. Clem Jansen, group managing director of Silvermines, said: "We have been actively pursuing the acquisition of digital technology over the last 18 months for application in our CCTV and building automation division to provide us with a technological lead in these sectors."

#### Cammell Laird purchase

CAMMELL LAIRD is to purchase DG Electrical for £1 mil-lion, to be satisfied with £500,000 in cash and by the issue of 329,164 ordinary shares. In the year to February 28, DG Electrical made an audited pre-tax profit of £398,000 on turnover of £2.9 million. Unaudited results for the seven months to September 30 show a pre-tax profit £547,000 on sales of £2.9 million. Net assets on acquisition are warranted at £289,000 after a pre-sale dividend to the vendor.

# **GB** delivers £2m maiden profit at half time

By Fraser Nelson

GB RAILWAYS, which runs the InterCity services from London to Liverpool and Norprofit at half-time in spite of seeing its punctuality record deteriorate 43 per cent.

The company, which runs seven services under the Anglia franchise, turned in its maiden profit after a £18 million subsidy, topped up with a £151,000 bonus pay-ment from the franchising director. Its overall service,

### Sterling cuts into Ransomes

BY ADAM JONES

PROFITS at Razisomes, being bought by Textron of the US, were cut down by the strength of the pound and weak Franco-German markets.

Ransomes is the last internationally dominant lawnmower company in many of the world's most prestigious golf courses. In the year to September 30, profits were £10.5 million. down from £12.8 million in 1996. Operating profits fell £3.2 million to £16.9 million. Ransomes said that the strong pound was re-sponsible for £1.2 million of this fall.

Demand for its lpswichmade commercial mowers was hit as expected, by the purchasing reluctance of European local authorities, particularly in France and Germany, although sales and orders improved in the second half of the year. John Clement, chairman, said continuing product development in this division was another

cause for optimism. The consumer division saw sales fall £8.9 million to £32.2 million, prompting an operating loss of £300,000, compared with a £100,000 profit last year.

which was among the ten best in Britain before privatisation, is now ranked the fourthworst in terms of late trains. But it has managed to avoid the penalty triggers set in place by the franchising direc-

tor and has not suffered any penalty for the late trains. During the six months to September 30, passengers were kept waiting more than ten minutes for 115 trains each week. That compares with a lateness rate of 74 trains a week for the corresponding period last year, when the network was managed by

Max Steinkopf, chief executive, said: "We've had a number of problems which had come through at the same time. Railtrack has had some maintenence problems, which have affected our service, and the other day we had to cancel a train when a pheasant flew into its windscreen. In the long term, we aim to get the service back to where it was."

A spokesman for Opraf said that the company had not come close to being penalised for its lase trains, and that the £151,000 payment had been an extra in appreciation of "good services".

Anglia has promised to double the frequency of the London to Norwich service, but has been given three years in which to do so.

It intends to lease newer trains in the next 12 months and has agreed to pay Railtrack more rent for two stations in return for maintemance Work. It spent £400,000 on win-

ning the Anglia Franchise and set aside £300,000 for a profitsharing scheme and £100,000 for the directors' own phantom share scheme. This left earnings of 15.7p a share. The company said that it would start splitting its profits with shareholders in the full

year, with an expected 5p dividend costing £437,000. The five directors, who have a shareholding worth £3.9 million, will receive £102,000

Its shares, which joined the Alernative Investment Market at 100p last year, rose 17p to 189½ p yesterday.



Tom How, chief executive of Majestic, reported a doubling of pre-tax profits to £1 million for the six months to September 29. Earnings at the wine warehouse chain grew from 2.83p to 5.55p out of which an interim dividend of 1.6p will be paid on January 9

# David Brown acquisition

BY ADAM JONES

DAVID BROWN, the engineering group, is buying Union Pump Company, a supplier of pumps to the American oil and petrochemical sector, for \$64 million

(£38 million) in cash.

David Brown has agreed loan facilities of \$150 million with Bankers Trust to fund the purchase. The surplus will cover Union's \$4.3 million net debt, a refinancing.

SHARES in Benfield & Rea.

the Lloyd's investment trust vehicle launched two years ago, remained unchanged at 10712 p yesterday after the com-

pany announced a rise in half-

year pre-tax profits from £11.4

. The trust, BRIT, was formed from the Benfield Group, run by the late Mat-

thew Harding, the millionaire backer of Chelsea Football

Club, and Rea Brothers, the

Its first major move was a

successful bid for HCG, a

Lloyd's investment trust. It

was set up to focus on special-

ist opportunities in the insur-

million to £14.2 million.

merchant bank.

working capital and money for future growth. The purchase is expected to have been completed by mid-

December David Brown said that the deal "moves the group an important step closer to achieving its global aspirations", giving it vital US

Pumps form the smallest of its three divisions but has the

ance sector, including the

John Coldman, chairman of

Benfield & Rea, said: "We

continue to focus on reshaping

BRIT's portfolio of Lloyd's

trusts and encouraging man-

agement towards achieving shareholder value. Despite a

background of soft underwrit-

ing conditions there continues

to be interest from the com-

pany market in managing agency investment at Lloyd's." The company proposes to pay an interim dividend of 3p.

against 0.6p, for the six months

to September 30. Shareholders'

funds stood at £187 million at

the end of the half year.

Lloyd's market.

for Benfield & Rea

By MARIANNE CURPHEY

highest operating profit margins, about 12 per cent last year and 13.5 per cent in the first half of this year.

Union Pump made a pre-tax profit of \$1.2 million in 1996. In the eight months to August 29 profits were in-creased to \$4 million as management changes began to have an effect.

David Brown shares closed

#### argued that the TUC was 4p higher at 21112p yesterday. wrong to get involved. Improved results | RM reshuffle brings

By CHRIS AYRES

new role for Fischer

MIKE FISCHER, founder and about £300 million over the chief executive of RM, the educational software and systems supplier, is to give up his position and work only one day week for the company.

He will be replaced by Richard Girling, previously managing director and a director for ten years. Mr Fischer, whose personal holdings in RM total almost £22 million, will become president and a non-executive director. He will still have a strategic influence over the company."

The boardroom shake-up comes as the market for schools software systems is expected to double in size to

next two years. Much excitement has surrounded the sector since the Government's decision to invest £100 million in IT for schools.

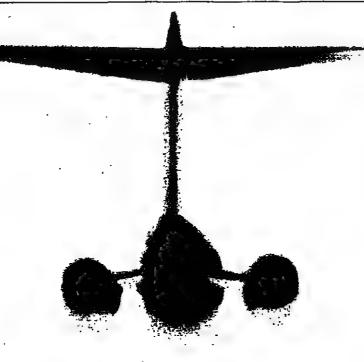
RM reported an 18 per cent rise in pre-tax profits for the year to September 30, to £8 million (£6.8 million) on turnover of El10.2 million (E99 million). Earnings rose to 30.8p (25.1p). A total dividend of 9.5p (8p) will be paid on February 3. It said first-half results would be lower than last year, as schools waited for government funding.

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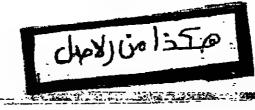


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Richard Cork on the Paris show of works collected by Harry Havemeyer, the 19th-century Sugar King

# A sweet tooth for Impressionists

hile Sir Henry Tate lavished his fortune on dull over-priced Royal magnate was amassing a far more adventurous collection in New York. Henry Osborne Havemeyer, usually known as Harry or H.O., had inherited a flourishing refinery business. Nicknamed Sugar King, he might have been expected to fritter his wealth on millionaire's baubles. But Havemeyer had a remarkable eye for art. With his even more perceptive wife Louisine, he assembled one of the first great collections of Impressionist paintings. Mostly be-queathed to the Metropolitan Museum in 1929, they are now enjoying a triumphant Parisian homecoming in a loan exhibition at the Musée d'Orsay. Although Havemeyer began

by purchasing Japanese decorative arts, their emphasis on clear-cut simplification helped to prepare him for the challenge of Impressionism. After all, the boldness of Japanese colour prints was hugely admired by Monet, Van Gogh and their allies, Mary Cassatt. the outstanding American painter who knew Degas well, owed a considerable debt to Japan in her warm, economical studies of family life. When Louisine visited Paris in 1874, almost a decade before marrying Harry, she began a life-long friendship with Cassatt.

It was an exhibarating time to discover contemporary French painting. The Impressionist revolution was at its peak, transforming the possibilities for Western art. But its exhibitions were often vilified. and Louisine acted with admirable daring when she acquired a Monet landscape and a ballet rehearsal scene by Degas in 1877. Her commitment to uncompromising modernity had begun, and at this stage she far outstripped her husband-to-be in her willingness to embrace the new spirit in art. He confined himself to Old Masters and the mildmannered members of the Barbizon school. Even after their marriage in 1883, he persisted in buying paintings by Rembrandt and de Hooch, along with an electrifying El Greco view of Toledo under a thunderous sky. But Louisine soon ensured that his financial resources were channelled into supporting the avant-

garde as well. The Havemeyers were not alone in their appetite for innovation. Unlike the British. most of whom regarded impressionism with outright contempt, the Americans gave an enthusiastic response to the first substantial New York exhibition of paintings by Manet, Renoir, Degas, Pissarro, Monet and Sisley. Organised by the French dealer Durand-Ruel in 1886, the show was

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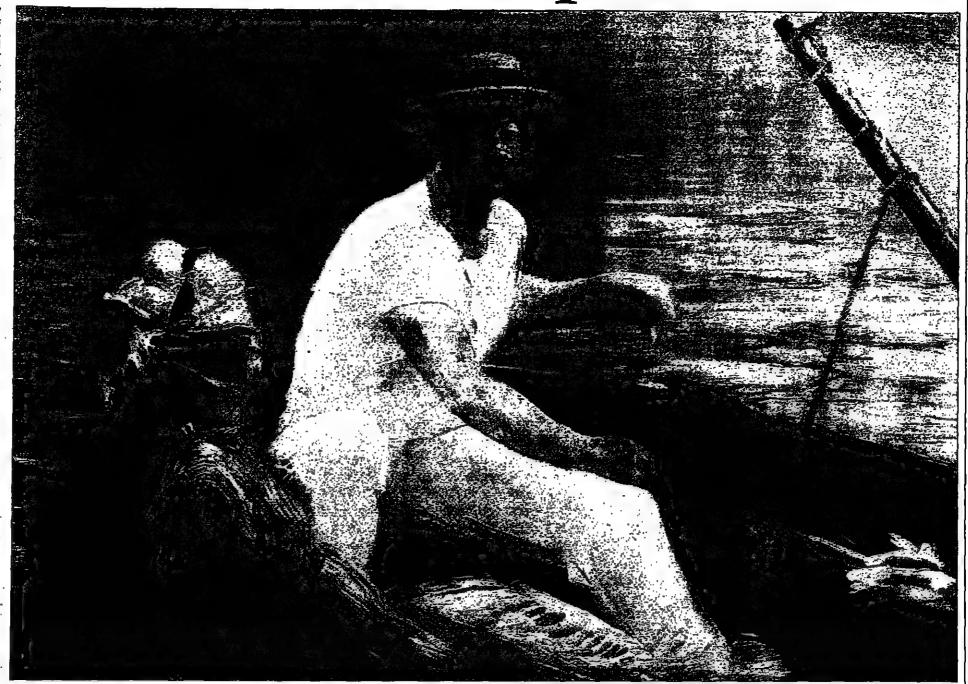
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Harry and Louisine Havemeyer were conspicuous collectors of Manet's work, buying 25 of his pictures and showing a special fondness for his maritime scenes, such as En bdteau (1874)

acclaimed by press and public alike, and their open-minded delight compared well with the derision so often heaped on Impressionist shows by the

Hence the extraordinary richness of American museums holdings in 19th-century French art at its finest, Several voracious collectors began buying at the Durand-Ruel exhibition, and they were able to acquire an abundance of major paintings which France now keenly regrets losing. The Havemeyers lent some of their choicest purchases to the New York show, where they bought Manet's delectable Still Life with Salmon. Posing for a fulllength photograph in the late 1880s, they look like the epitome of smug bourgeois pros-perity, plump and irre-proachably respectable. But the Musée d'Orsay show testifies to their capacity for risktaking. Room after room is emblazoned with the vitality of Impressionist painting at its

A group of Manets stands out. The Havemeyers amassed no fewer than 25 of his pictures, encompassing the exceptional variety of Manet's ocuvre. They range from the nonchalant virtuosity of an early Young Man in a Majo Costume, revealing the full extent of his involvement with Spanish art, to a later portrait of Georges Clemenceau, the French Prime Minister, in sketchy, sombre monochrome.

The Havemeyers seem to have been especially fond of Manet's maritime scenes. Sea forms a backdrop for the intimate study of his family at Arcachon, and then fills the foreground of a blustery, freely brushed painting of The "Kearsage" at Boulogne. But the most resplendent handling of water occurs in a view of blue-striped Venetian poles casting their reflections in the shimmering Grand Canal. And his large sailing picture, where the moustachioed man with a boater appears curiously detached from his female companion, allows similit sea and sky to merge in an idyllic expanse of blue.

One of the early Monets on view here, a fresh 1865 paint-

ing called The Green Wave, is astonishingly close to Manet's Kearsage canvas. But the Havemeyers did not stop there. They bought an en-chanting, flower-filled canvas of the garden Monet savoured at his first Argenteuil house

heir most stunning examples of his work date from the 1990s. At the beginning of the decade, a painting from the Poplars series proves just how stark the middle-aged Monet could be. The four trees ranged along the riverbank are reduced to their essential forms, and their reflections seem no less solid. It is a marvellously tough picture, as severe in elemental structure as anything Monet produced.

in this respect, the poplars painting could hardly offer a greater contrast to the canvas hanging beside it. For the 1899 view of Charing Cross Bridge is among the most evanescent of Monet's London series. Seen on a foggy day, when Big Ben vanishes in the haze, the bridge looks unexpectedly fragile. Smoke ascends, glittering with sunlit edges, from steam trains crossing the Thames. But the sailboat on the wind-rippled river below

appears to belong to another, pre-industrial era as it moves through water incandescent with pink and white light. Louisine Havemeyer's at-

tachment to Cassatt, represented here by some luminous and wonderfully unaffected mother and child paintings. meant that Degas's work became a major presence in the Havemeyer collection. The exquisite virtuosity of his early ballet scene is magical enough. Around 20 years later, though, Degas returned to the subject in Rose and Green Dancers. Now the limbs have become as blurred as the broken texture of their costumes. Degas summarises rather than specifies the details of the backstage setting, and the sliced-off silhouette of a hurking, top-hatted male admirer is barely detectable in the shadows.

If Degas is a hero of the Havemeyers, they did not extend their largesse to all the Impressionists. Sisley is represented by a token landscape that fails to show this underrated artist at his best. As for Renoir, a painter so eagerly sought by other American collectors, he is nowhere to be seen. The Havemeyers bought only one of his paintings, a shameless chocolate-box

woman who has been understandably excluded from the show.

Most of the Post-Impressionists found no place in the collection either. But the absence of Gauguin and Van Gogh did not mean that the Havemeyers rejected Cézanne. His room is full of vastly impressive images. Mont Saint-Victoire, seen from a distance with a noble viaduct extending to the side, is par-tially hidden by tall foreground pine-trees. A decade later. Cézanne closes on some boulders in a dimly lit wood. Flattened and yet still substantial, they help to explain why the Cubists regarded the master of Aix as their lodestar.

But a flower piece proves that severity in Cezanne could be matched by surprising tenderness and sensuality. Nor should his earlier work be regarded simply as a stumbling prelude to the sublime

still life executed around 1877 is one of the most satisfying works on display here. The mound of remarkably edible apples on the linen cloth, no less than the tilted cup and vase behind, are defined with all the authority of his later,

more extravagantly revered

canvases.

achievements of his old age. A

The Havemever collection must have amounted to an astounding spectacle when hung in their specially designed New York mansion. Embellished with Tiffany glass and a dramatic suspended staircase, the house should not have been demolished in 1930. But the paintings once displayed there have all been preserved, to glorify the mo-ment when Americans discovered Impressionism and succumbed without a struggle.

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Of the seven pairings available for review, two stand out. In the Sony recording by Isaac Stern, Jaime Laredo, Yo-Yo Ma and Emanuel Ax the actual sound is often ravishing, with Stern not stinting on the portamenti which Faurè would have expected to hear. Occasionally, in the last move-ment of the First Quartet, Ax goes through the tone, and in the fleet-footed scherzo the pulse is not always absolutely secure. By and large, they are more persuasive in the high drama of the Second Quartet, and their performance of the scherzo is splendidly vicious. But they sometimes dawdle and I am not convinced by the opening bells. But my choice is the 1985

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#### AROUND THE LONDON GALLERIES

☐ AS THE holiday season nears, many galleries seem to feel it is a good time to show off a little, by placing a spectacular array of goods in their shop window. It is difficult, though, to remember a more spectacular display than that currently on show at the two halves of the recently consummated Spink/Leger link-up. Though Spink has had its regular shows of painting, watercolours in particular, it is generally associated much more with objets d'art, notably jewellery, coins and medals, ceramics and oriental art of all sorts. Leger, on the other hand, has had a reputation for its classic British painting.

The two shows running in tandem at present suggest that not so much has changed. At the old Leger gallery in Bond Street there is a resplendent show of British Paintings, Watercolours and Drawings held by Spink and Leger, including naturally examples of the artists currently attracting attention because of anniversaries (the tricentenary of Hogarth's birth, the bicente-nary of Joseph Wright of Derby's death) or notable museum shows (Sir Henry Raeburn, Francis Towne), as well as several Indian pieces by the Daniells and excellent orientalist works.

At Spink the accent is on versatility: The Many Faces of Spink has a handful of paintings by early 19th-century RAs such as Sir Thomas Lawrence and John Russell. but they are outshone by the ritual masks from Tibet, the set of sterling silver stirrup cups, the 5th-century Gandhara head of a Bodhisattva, the strangely sinister earthenware head from 5th/7th-century Japan, or the Elizabethan 5th-issue pound coin featuring the Queen's image in ham-

Spink, 5 King Street, SWI (0171-747 6808); Spink-Leger, 13 Old Bond Street, WI (0171-629 3538). Mon-Fri 9am-5.30pm, until Dec 12 IN ART, humour tends to

be consigned to a special category, along with the cartoon and the book illustration. It is perfectly fine in its place, of course, but surely that place is not a serious gallery wall. Clearly the Crane Kalman Gallery does not think so, hence the present show, Essence of Humour. It is all in a good cause, a proportion of the proceeds being donated to Comic Relief, but the opportunity has been taken to look fairly and squarely at the role played by humour in the work of a wide range of 20thcentury artists.

The element of shock and dislocation of normal responses which is Surrealism's trademark is quite likely to provoke laughter, if only nervous, and the work of the American boxmaker Joseph Cornell is generally calculated to produce at least a smile. The painters of the Neo-Expressionist Cobra group loved to cock a snook at convention, and a work like Karel Appel's It looks Like a Cat (as indeed it does, sort of) is definitely amusing. Calder, even at his weightiest, is always playful, and various

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aspects of British humour, camp and deadpan respectively, find a prominent place in the art of Edward Burra and L.S. Lowry. An early and whimsical Lichtenstein, Le Château, is a rarity, and it must be said that the professional humorists Steinberg and Grosz look completely at home in this company. Crane Kalman Gallery, 178

Brompton Road, SW3 (0171-5847566). Mon-Fri 10am-6pm. Sat 10am-ipm, until Dec 6

book illustration is normally supposed to have ended well before Mike Wilks started in the mid-Seventies. But Wilks. 50 this year, is a survivor of the Swinging Sixties, his intricate fantasies suggestive of Monty Python and The Yellow Submarine rather than Rackham or even Emmett. All the same, he has managed to produce a number of bestsellers, and apparently holds the curious title of WH Smith's most shoplifted author with The Ultimate Alphabet (1986). The originals of his illustrations are occasionally pen-and-ink or gouache on paper, but more frequently they prove to be fully fledged acrylic paintings on canvas or panel. The work will hardly be to everyone's taste, but there is no denying that Wilks knows exactly what effect he wants to achieve. Gekoski Gallery, Pied Bull Yard, 15a Bloomsbury Square WCI (0171-404 6676) Mon-Sat 10am-5.30pm, until Dec 5.

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ments for and against any

proposed solution create the buzz-

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they be accused of elitism is the

A year ago August Wilson, the

leading black American play-

**III MUSEUMS:** Despite the Labour Government's apparently implacable commitment to keeping the Elgin Marbles as an integral part of the British Museum's collections. campaigners for the return of the Marbles to Greece are organising a "day of action" on December 5. There will be demonstrations outside the BM and the Department of Culture that day, and a mass e-mailing" of the Government, the BM, the Labour Party and British embassies around the world is also being planned. Those wishing to protest, or curious to sample the arguments, should tune their computers to http://www. uk\_digiserve.com/mentor/

SCULPTURE: After two years of persistent Antipodean argument, Westminster council has agreed to allow Australia House in the Strand to be lit up by a giant "light sculpture and concrete poem". At 7.30pm on Thursday the façade above the grand entrance will be illuminated with a large circle of letters spelling the words HEAR THE ART or, if read differently, HEART HEARTH EARTH. it is the work of the Australian conceptual artist Richard Tipping, who once claimed brief notoriety by wrapping a large ribboned bow round the Art Gallery of New South

**MUSIC:** Britain's top choirs have until January 9 to apply for the 1998 Sainsbury's Choir of the Year competition, the country's largest choral contest. Next year's competition has three categories: youth, mixed sex and single sex. There are no restrictions on style: gospel, barbershop, chamber and church choirs have prospered in past years. The semi-finals and finals (at the Buxton Opera House next November) will be shown on BBC TV. Details from the organisers on 0171-221 7883.

THEATRE: You don't have to wear Lycra shorts, but it might help. Opening at the Nuffield Theatre in Southampton tomorrow is a piay called Le Tour de France, which (guess what?) is all about the Tour de France. A company of steel-thighed actors from the Théâtre des Deux Rives in Rouen will enact the dramas or the mistoric cycle-race over the years, harnessing "rolling road technology so that they can cycle on stage without careering into the wings. They perform in French, but the theatre promises a free half-hour French lesson before each performance - and, if that proves inadequate to the task, surtitles.

FILM: The world's first piece of cricket film - of Prince Ranjitsinhji practising in the nets at Sydney exactly 100 years ago — will be shown at an Archive Cricket Evening staged by the British Film Institute at the National Film Theatre on December 9. Also to be shown during the evening will be newsreel footage of Denis Compton, the England cricketer and footballer who died earlier this year.

# In Washington DC, Patrick Stewart's Moor has highlighted the black-white divide in American theatre. Jeremy Kingston reports

#### Skin-deep Othello misfires — in both senses of the word - as a white Moor heading an all-black cast of Venetians focuses attention on a current crisis in the American theatre. The crisis is part sword of Damocles, part

casting. To employ black actors in hornet's nest, and though attempts "white" roles was "to cast us in the are made to pacify the nest, the role of mimics". Black actors should not even perform in plays written by whites. If an all-black buzzing stays loud and the thread is Even definitions of the situation cast played, he said, in Death of a are contested but, broadly speak-Salesman this would "deny us our ing, the concern is how best to

Understandably, Wilson's ex-treme position finds little favour among black actors and directors: nor, for that matter, among white directors, whether in America or Britain, who readily cast black actors in "white" plays. Their reasons will be various; best available actor for the role; increasing opportunities available to black actors; funding dependent on doing

a generation of white actors the chance to play the Moor. Only the lofty position Stewart has reached through Star Trek: The Next Generation has made it possible for him, and then in what he calls this "photo-negative" production at Washington's Shakespeare The-

atre. The director of this Othello is our own Jude Kelly, and the setting is contemporary, so that Stewart's Othello must be understood as a white mercenary engaged by a black republic. Mostly, the production doesn't work, though not only because photo-negativism presents trickier problems than colour-

The displays of love between Stewart and Patrice Johnson's Desful. So long and rapturously do they embrace on landing in Cyprus, with the guard at the salute throughout, they could be Antony and Cleopatra about to lose the world for love. Placing a pause before the final word in "When I love thee not, chaos is come again" conjures up a previous way of life lacking form and ultimate purpose. Stewart knows and shows the message in the words.

But far too many of the cast do not. The gravest failure centres on Ron Canada's Iago, who deals well enough with the needling echoes that open his wicked work but generates too little tension elsewhere. No chemistry exists between him and Stewart, and in

words are spoken but the depths beyond them unrevealed. Such disparities deny us the chance to assess the quality of the photonegative concept.

Meanwhile, the one-woman

shows by Anna Deavere Smith are not only colour-blind but gender and generation-blind, for in her accounts of the riots in Los Angeles and Crown Heights she reproduces the statements of her interviewees, whether man, woman, black, white or Korean. In House Arrest, which opened at the Arena, Washington, the day after Othello, she extends her style to a cast of 12, ostensibly members of a liberal theatre company, putting on a play about the invasions of presidential privacy.

The incidents extend from the revelation of Jefferson's slave-concubine to Clinton's distractions, but in its present version the show is a mess, perceptive nuggets glittering in a mound of cliches. Deavere Smith's approach to casting, how-ever, despite Wilson's diatribe against "mimicry", looks to be the best way forward.

As is that of People's Light and Theatre Company at Malvern, Pennsylvania, where a racially mixed resident company extends the principle of diversity to include the determined encouragement of mixed audiences. Their Family Series of productions, such as the current Beauty and the Beast, offers work with an appeal for adults and children together. The immediate hope is that families will discuss the productions among themselves, and over a longer term that children will grow up accustomed to colour-blind casting.

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# Murder without a moral

Director James Macdonald shocked us with Blasted. Now he's doing it

again, says James Christopher

ames Macdonald, a softspoken, owlish-looking theatre director, does not seem the sort who takes pleasure in baiting critics and shocking audiences. But you can never tell these days. Some of the nicest do, especially when there are reputations to

be made and issues at stake. It is three years since Macdonald was deemed to have lost every shred of human decency when he directed Sarah Kane's debut play, Blasted, at the Royal Court Theatre Upstairs. It might as well be decades. Few now remember how the critics went for the

production, appal-led at the "feast of filth" (Daily Mail) that unfolded when a tabloid hack and a young epileptic girl were trapped in a hotel room with a rampaging soldier. banon, frottag micturition, fellatio, defecation. rape, eye-gouging and cannibalism listed The Guard-

Blasted barely merits a mention when we meet to discuss Macdonald's latest project, not because he doesn't like discussing controversies, but simply because he has always looked through and beyond them. Roberto Zucco, by the visionary French playwright Bernard-Marie Koltes. is just as flammable in its way as Biasted - and not only because the play is based on the true story of an Italian who murdered his parents at the

ian disapprovingly.

age of 19. The real Succo (Koltès changed the spelling) was declared to be a paranoid schizophrenic, locked up in an asylum and left to rot. He escaped at the age of 24,

hitched to Toulon and continued his murderous rampage under a variety of aliases. The play, a dark, comic account of the events that led to his rearrest, was Koltès's last before he died of an Aids-related illness in 1989, aged 41.

When Peter Stein premiered Roberto Zucco posthumously in Berlin in 1990 it caused an instant sensation. Many saw it as a calculated piece of exploitation rather than the chilling portrait of normality it actually is. Performances scheduled for towns where murders took place or where victims' families lived were duly scrapped.

Macdonald's production at the RSC's The Other 6 His point Place, in a quite wonderful translais that tion by Martin Crimp. will be the everybody British premiere. "It became a huge has the story because no one rumbied waa potential the murderer really was," says Macto snap 7 found out his iden-

> affair with him." Inspired by a wanted poster on the Paris Metro showing four completely different images of the suspect, Koltès began work on the play.

old girl admitted having an

tity when a 15-year-

There's an illustrious history of writers using real people like Succo," says Macdonald. "But it's been tarnished by the glut of artists appropriating serial killers. What's so refreshing about Koltès is that he looks at our fascination with these figures in an entirely original way. He removes almost every culturally significant signpost."

But far from being an anonymous litary of grotesqueries, Koltes's play is full of poetry, humour and insight. His point is that everybody has the potential to snap," explains Macdonald, "We are driven by desires and needs



James Macdonald took this play to the RSC rather than to his own Royal Court because "it's very classical in its ambition and resonances"

characters, apart from Zucco. are archetypes: Panic-Stricken Prostitute, Melancholy Detective. They don't have psychological profiles. These are people who invent themselves from one moment to the next. Even Succo, like the poster, is different from scene to scene. Which makes these characters accessible to lots of different interpretations, and extremely

difficult to play."
Succe committed suicide in prison by putting a plastic bag over his head (the same way he murdered his father). He was 26. "What's striking about Koltes's treatment of death," continues Macdonald, "is that it's not tied to any agenda. There are no state-of-the-nation speeches and no moralising. That makes the whole experience much more scary.

It's open to interpretation." As deputy artistic director of the Royal Court, the thirtysomething Macdonald is closer to these traditions than most. Why, one wonders, has he taken this gem to the RSC? The current British scene is that are deeper than we can so vibrant that it's hard to

understand. That's why all the justify spending a fortune on a dead trench writer Court," says Macdonald with admirable pithiness. "The play is also peculiarly suited to the RSC. It's very classical in its ambition and resonances. Koltès's gods were Racine, Marivaux and Shakespeare. What's extraordinary about the writing is the formal theatrical language he forges from the street."

> There is also a desire on Macdonald's part to spread his wings. He had, he admits, thought about gunning for the Royal Court job after Stephen Daldry announced he was leaving, but more out of a desire to ensure that the Court carried on taking risks rather than ending up with "a safe pair of hands". Ian Rickson's appointment ("absolutely the right one") killed two birds with one stone. Macdonald can take his risks at the Court but also chance his arm elsewhere. The RSC, I suspect, is the lucky beneficiary of a

shrewd gamble. Roberto Zucco opens at The Other Place in Stratford-upon-Avon (01789 295623) tomorrow

# Honour among women

Perturbed as she is by the tales of flageliation and sodomy with prostitutes. the only thing which really appals the Marquis de Sade's mother-in-law is the prospect of dishonouring her family. She encouraged her daughter Renée to marry into his grander family, and now spends her time and fortune hushing up the scandals.

Yukio Mishima's play opens with the unfortunate woman entertaining a highly pious socialite, Baronne de Simone, and an aristocratic libertine, Saint-Fond, in the hope that they will pull strings to commute de Sade's death penalty. As these chalk-and-cheese ladies await their hostess. Saint-Fond tells a prurient Baronne de Simone the exact, lurid circumstances of de Sade's most recent disgrace.

Mishima was himself traditionalist (he hoped to revive the ancient Samurai codes of honour and, failing, committed hara-kiri in 1970),

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and a homosexual. Yet de Sade himself is not the playwright's main focus, but rather the women around him.

Renée has never been exposed to de Sade's deviance and so stolidly, almost zealously, defends and seeks to understand her husband. Her mother is horrified; her sister Anne thinks she is foolish.

Through the conflict between the six women of the play (a maidservant completes the picture), a complex and passionate debate about morality and perversion unfolds. Should a wife be constant despite the quality of her

husband? Should a mother's love be unconditional? What is the value of social reputation if it depends on immorality and corruption? Is morality merely a lack of imagination?

William Glynne's production is sufficiently plain to let the intellectual argument take centre stage, but allows enough camp humour in the characterisation to mitigate some of Mishima and translator Donald Keen's sometimes florid prose. Sally Morte-more's Madame de Montreuil is a redoubtable creation, and the inexperienced Eimear McBride conveys Renée's increasingly desperate devotion convincingly. Brigid Zengeni is outstanding as the knowing. wise and unexpectedly humane Saint-Fond.

CLARE BAYLEY



### Balcony nonsense

**NEW MUSIC** Juliette

Huddersfield

IT'S cold and foggy and there seems to be nothing open after six except pubs and takeaways. You are in an illdesigned town hall, sitting sideways in an effort to avoid crushing your knees against the seat in front, and you are feeling inadequate in your limited understanding of what is happening on stage. But since the piece is new to you and something exciting could emerge at any moment, you really don't begrudge the discomfort. It can only be the Huddersfield Contemporary

Music Festival As it happens, the most profound impression made by the first British performance of Pascal Dusapin's opera Romeo et Juliette was the dents in the kneecaps. The open mind — prepared in advance by an amiable public discussion between the festival

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director, the composer and his witty librettist, Olivier Cadiot registered little. Perhaps the most authentic reaction was to give up trying to register as it became clear that, even though the lovers are manipuby a wordy character called Bill, the Shakespearean allusions are no more meaningful than anything else in the piece.

Liberated from efforts to make sense of it, the text could be heard as music and, as Dusapin puts it, the music as text. While the score has no distinctive personality, under Lucas Plaff's direction it did have a hypnotic effect, not least in an interlude of aboriginal music for vocal quartet and clarinet.

With most of the platform of Huddersfield Town Hall occupied by the English Northern Philharmonia, Vox Nova and the London Sinfonietta Voices. there was little that the stage director, Stephen Langridge, could do. The five principal singers - among whom Francoise Kubier and Nicholas Underwood were outstanding as one of two pairs of Romeos and Juliets - were given scarves to colour-code them and strip-light squares to stand in. A fully staged version would probably have

achieved little more. GERALD LARNER

# Donizetti to savour

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THE Donizetti bicentenary is not being marked with any fervour in this country. A certain British puritanism decrees that since he wrote more than 60 operas in a working life of less than 30 years he can't really be a serious composer. But while no one would argue that even half those 60 are deathless masterpieces, up to a dozen are never going to

lapse from the repentory. He took great care with the late Linda di Chamounic (1842). In addition to some memorable tunes, the score is packed with instrumental detail: deft application of woodwind colour: varied accomnaniments for recurring themes: adventurous harmo nies. There is scarcely a whiff of routine in Linda.

Rather to everyone's sur-prise Mark Elder has long nursed a passion for the piece.

though despite its politically correct plot about exploited workers and lecherous aristocrats it can never have been a priority at the Coliseum in the Power House days. Elder certainly made amends with his fervent conducting of this concert performance with the Orchestra of the Age of En-lightenment, though if it is possible to kill music with too

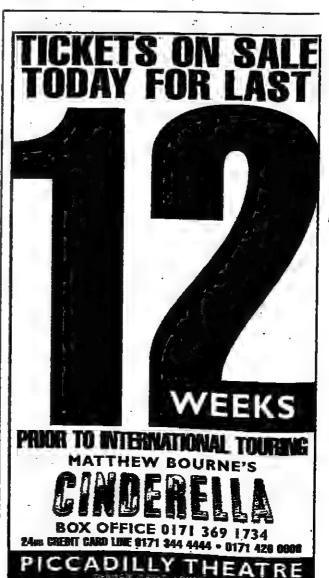
With care lavished on almost every bar, there's a danger of loss of spontaneity. And the massed ranks of the Philharmonia Chorus, producing enough sound for a Verdi Requiem, tended to overwhelm the homespun subject matter. But the soloists were out-

much kindness, this might

have been an example.

standing. Mariella Devia, a soprano too little known outside her native Italy, was superb in the title role: faultless technique and beguiling musicianship. The young Argentine tenor Marcelo Alvarez, blessed with beautifully warm tone and distinctly untenorial taste, is a real find and Alastair Miles is turning into one of the best bel canto basses of today. The villain is a comic character, and even in concert terms Alessandro Corbelli judged his effects to

perfection. Linda lives. RODNEY MILNES





## Star turn of her own party

The ingenue grew up many years ago. Even so, it is startling to realise that Leonard Bernstein's original Conegonde was celebrating her 70th birthday at this gala

Elaine Stritch, Michel Legrand, Maria Friedman and the Chess star Tommy Körberg all had a hand in the festivities. It was, however, no self-indulgent industry love-in. Nor was there ever any question of Barbara Cook being upstaged, even when Stritch delivered her gloriously louche one-liners in a climactic duet on the lifestyle comparisons of The Grass is Greener.

If, as Cook pointed out, the figurine on top of her birthday cake was flatteringly proportioned - in looks, the American singer is every inch the archetypal soprano - she required no false compliments about her voice. This was singing of exceptional delicacy and dramatic range.

Having grown accustomed to hearing her in intimate settings such as the Café Royal, I was not sure whether, at this stage in her career, the Albert Hall would be the ideal venue. Aside from a few sound problems, however, any initial concerns were promptly laid to rest, her voice soon meshing with the strings of the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra.

The first half of the evening. given over to a solo recital, was perfectly judged. The world is usually divided into actresses who try to sing and singers who try to act. Cook is one of the few performers who manage to combine the best of both traditions, as she reminded us



The singer who acts and the actress who sings — Barbara Cook celebrated her 70th birthday in some style

in It Might as Well be Spring - and, at the close, in her encore of Bock and Harnick's Ice Cream.

She made an artful transition from a medley of Can't Help Lovin' that Man and Bill to the finger-snapping uplift of Johnny Mercer's AcCent-Tchu-Ate the Positive. The accompaniment was stripped to a minimal plano and bess for Errol Flynn, a poignant autobiographical ballad by the singer-songwriter Amanda McBroom that has become a staple of Cook's ond half as one guest followed

Fringe on Top, taken from her new DRG collection devoted to Oscar Hammerstein, had a genuinely swinging big band

The programme grew a little overcrowded in the secrepertoire. Surrey with the another. Friedman's bold, the-

Will Wait For You stayed just the right side of melodrama. Stritch, for her part, growled her way through Broadway Baby - an apt choice if ever

atrical duet with Legrand on !

CLIVE DAVIS

### **CONCERTS:** Martinu on Merseyside; more notable women; and incidental pieces of Sibelius

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ONE Czech composer who did not feature in Libor Pešek's programmes in the Philharmonic Hall — to the relief of many, no doubt — was Bohu-slav Martinu. Pešek's successor with the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra, Petr Altrichter, intends to correct the situation by performing all six of the symphonies.

Beginning with the Fourth, perhaps the most attractive, Altrichter demonstrated many of Martinu's most valuable assets. The technique is brilliant, the structure, except in the disproportionately grand ending to the short first movement, precisely calculated, the scoring masterful.

On the other hand, as in so many works in Martinú's prolific output, the quality of the material and the motivation behind it are open to doubt. Indeed, suspicions arise that compulsive activity is a substitute for inspiration and that this is not so much a symphony as a cleverly wrought illusion of one. But there could be no doubt about either

Altrichter's commitment to the score or his effectiveness in communicating his enthusiasm to the orchestra, which played well in a spruce and vividly coloured performance. Orchestral playing else-

where was less distinguished. Just as, three weeks ago, the RLPO's principal guest conductor so sensationally set out on his Mahler series and apparently left Mozart to fend for himself, its principal conductor seems to have allowed little time after rehearsing his Marting for preparing in Tchaikovsky. Certainly, the opening gesture of the Piano Concerto in B flat minor was far from handsome in its illtuned brass harmonies and, though some woodwind contributions tended to redeem an ugly situation, others merely

Orchestral matters did improve and, anyway, with Boris Berezovsky as soloist they were not of the first importance. His cool precision and steely brilliance are perhaps not the most sympathetic qualities for this particular work but are mightily impressive in

confirmed it.

GERALD LARNER



FOR women composers, time is of the essence: time to compose, time before maternal responsibility takes over, time to negotiate performances and publication time to be beard. The women in this programme seemed all too aware of the restrictions on time, space and attention.

From Germaine Tailleferre (1892-1983), one of Les Six, we had the briefest of concertinos; from Marie Grandval (1830-1907) there was one long arching orchestral movement from her Mass; from Louise Farrenc (1804-75) a concise. glittering overture. Still, if these were only

glimpses they were important ones: all were UK premieres. The evening began with Mozart's Cosi fan tutte overture: a mischievously inappropriate choice, since these women were emphatically not like any others, having survived as creators against every possible prejudice. It is a miracle Tailleferre's concerti-

no for flute and piano survived at all: it had to be transcribed from a muzzy French broadcast. Farrenc ensured her posterity by marrying a music publisher.

The concert marked the last in the series Women of Note devised by Diana Ambache. Over the last three years she and her ensemble have performed no fewer than 11 premieres by women composers covering a period of 250 vears, rewriting musical history in the process.

#### HELEN WALLACE

#### SCO/Smeason Barbican

COLIN DAVIS'S magisterial conducting of the first two symphonies in the opening concert of the Sibelius cycle must have been a daunting act to follow. But the challenges facing Joseph Swensen and his Scottish Chamber Orchestra were quite different and together they delivered an impressive sequel.

Where the symphonies seem to be newn from granite. Sibelius's incidental music and genre pieces exhibit a more tender sensibility. The Swensen/SCO partnership has already proved that it can thrill and dazzle; this programme frequently had the audience catching its breath at the exquisite refinement of their sotto voce playing.

The rarely heard Countess's Portrait displayed their exemplary control to perfection. Conceived as a melodrama that is, a recitation of a poem with musical accompaniment — the work alludes to a woman long dead, who lives on only in the form of an artistic portrayal. The hushed strings evoked an aptly ghostlike presence. Even more faintly whispered - though it scarcely seemed possible - was the Death of Mélisande

in the Pelléas et Mélisande Suite, while the earlier movements depicting the mysteribeguiling. On the Seashore hinted at the menacing undertow to the story, and the tautly disciplined rhythms of the Entracte - with woodwind solos intertwining — similarly

> BARRY MILLINGTON

#### LONDON

DEETHOVEN AND BACH! Tho idiosyncratic English violenist Nigel Kennedy joins the English Chamber Orchaldre as liabled and director for evening of music by the two German master composers. On the program are Beethoven's Conotan Overture Violan Concerto, and Bach's Violan Concerno in A minor land Concerno los Two Violes in Dimenor For the latte Kennedy is joined by leilow violanist. Latharny Gowlin. The conductions Shartaru Sate. Barbican, Sik Street, EC2 (0171-638 8891) Tonight, 7.30pm (2)

A GRAND MIGHT OUT. Wallace and Grown bale to the stage for Chindrinas, pursued to London by the Pengum, ascaped from good and bent on revenge Nick Park's characters put through their packs by the Trunderbirds FAB team Penacock Theatine, Portugal Street, of Program, WCZ (0171-494 ISS). Opensionists, 7:30pm Them Mon-Sat. 7:30pm; met Sat. 3pm Meta almost deely from December 19.

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while painting. Wyndheen'a, Channg Cross Roed, WC2 (0171-389 1735) Tue-Set, Sprit, mals Wed, 3pm, Set and Sun, 5pm.

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## Going straight to the Bar

Frances Gibb on a new scheme to

improve access to lawyers and

below, Hilary Heilbron, QC,

on the thinking behind it

eople will no longer have to pay a solicitor before they brief a harrister under a ground-breaking scheme launched last week. The Bar Council pilot enables advice bureaux, law centres and Shelter, the housing charity, to instruct barristers directly. thus saving people the cost of paying first for a solicitor.

The initiative dismantles one of the last restrictive practices of the legal profession, which requires members of the public to use a solicitor to instruct a parrister.

Under the 12-month project, seven advice agencies — in-cluding Shelter and the Cin-zens Advice Bureaux — will join to partnership with 18 sets of chambers. If successful, the scheme is likely to be seen as a blueprint for the Government's proposed community legal service which envisages a key role for the advice sector in the delivery of legal

The Bar already allows oth-

amended its rules so that advice workers can refer cases, both legally aided and private, without the need to go to a solicitor first

The Lord Chancellor, Lord Irvine of Lairg, has welcomed the project: "It is no longer good enough for the legal profession to carry on doing the same old things in the same old ways, regardless of the expense to the taxpayer or the privately paying client." he says. "People understandably wonder whether it is really always necessary to instruct a solicitor when they want advice from a barrister and whether this is not just another way of ensuring that, whatever else happens, the lawyers continue to make

Dave McNeil, spokesman for the Law Society, says the society was not opposed: "As long as cases are properly prepared, we cannot see any problem. After all, we are pressing to break down the Bar's monopoly of advocacy in er professions to brief barris- the Crown Courts so we ters directly. Now it has cannot really object to this."



### Choice, flexibility and not a lot to pay

egal advice agencies such as the Citizens Advice Bureaux play an invaluable role in the provision of legal services. They are the first port of call for millions of people affected by matters with legal implications. They provide easily accessible advice and sympathetic understanding to those unclear about their rights and responsibilities. Much of their work does not involve great legal knowledge, but this is

The advice agencies' role in providing legal services is to be extended by this Government as part of its community legal service programme. Traditionally, such agencies have concentrated on areas such as welfare benefits, housing, em-ployments and debt. But it is likely that their services will in future be used for a wider

spread of legal problems. Under a Legal Aid Board pilot scheme now under way, non-solicitor agencies — those without qualified legal staff have been franchised by the board so that they receive

funds from the board for specified areas of work. This is part of what the Lord Chancel-ior recently described as the "refocusing of the legal aid scheme". Fast-track hearings as proposed by Lord Woolf, Master of the Rolls, are likely to provide a further impetus to a wider range of services from advice agencies.

At present, where qualified

legal advice or professional advocacy is needed, the arrangements are cumbersome both for agencies and clients. If the matter is beyond the legal competence or experience of the advice centre. options are currently limited. Lawyers — both harristers and solicitors — do give con-siderable help free of charge. but this cannot cope with the potential volume. Essentially, once a matter

needs professional legal help, it has to be sent to a solicitor, irrespective of whether it is complicated or not. The individual has to repeat his problem to someone else before, if appropriate, a barrister can be

instructed. Often the agency is fully familiar with the facts but needs an expert legal opinion or a professional advocate to represent the individual court or before a tribunal.

To tackle this problem, the Bar Council has agreed in rinciple that barristers may be instructed directly by advice agencies in appropriate cases. The client and agency will have a much wider choice of lawyer and greater flexibility in how to handle a case. Costs will also be reduced, not least because barristers' charges tend to be competitive. Many cases will still be referred to solicitors, but there is considerable scope for an in-

creasing number of referrals

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tored, and extended if successful. Guidelines have been prepared for both the agencies and barristers. Advance information on the barrister's fees will be given so that clients can budget their costs. The service provided by the advice ager cies will remain free.

To ensure appropriate standards, all the agencies involved are already franchised by the Legal Aid Board under the first wave of non-solicitor agency franchising. The second stage is to extend the scheme to representation in the lower courts and tribunals. This is farther-reaching, but just as compelling in its potential to fulfil an unmet need.

The initiative will enable legal aid resources allocated to advice agencies to be more effectively targeted, and in time, increased. It will also enable those above the legalaid threshold, "middle-income Britain", to acquire the services of a lawyer at a price they

Bar Council working party on direct referral to legal advice

## Half a century of being reasonable

GARY SLAPPER

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This month is the 50th birthday of a judgment that so far has been cited in more civil court cases than perhaps any other. In November 1947, the Court of Appeal delivered its decision in Associated Provincial Picture Houses Ltd v Wednes-bury Corporation. Not a week has passed since when the "Wednesbury principles" have not been intoned in courtrooms and lawyers' offices throughout Britain.

The case concerned a local authority which had, under the Sunday Entertainments Act 1932, granted a licence to the plaintiffs for them to open their cinema on Sundays. The Act allowed for a licence to be granted with "such conditions as the authority thinks fit". The corporation imposed the condition that children under 15 were, whether accompanied by an adult or not, not to be allowed into cinemas on Sundays. The company argued that the provision was "unreasonable" and therefore ultra vires, that is, beyond the

powers of the corporation. It argued that the court should be the arbiter of whether a condition was The High Court refused

to grant a deciaration that the corporation had acted unreasonably, and the company appealed. After the war a great many Acts and many more pieces of delegated legislation gave executive bodies wide discretion to do things such as grant licences and make planning decisions. These powers affected food, drink, travel, building, education, work, and pensions. It was critical to know when a controversial decision by the executive could be successfully challenged in the courts. How was "unreasonableness" to be identified? After all, virtually every executive decision

will upset some section of the community. The Court of Appeal dismissed the appeal and the reasoning of Lord Greene, the Master of the Rolls, soon crystallised into a hallowed and frequently cited legal proposition. He ruled that where Parliament had entrusted discretionary powers to another body, such as a local authority, the courts could declare that some decisions were

"unreasonable", and thus ultra vires, but in very limited circumstances. The courts could not simply substitute their own opinion for that of the other body. To be unreasonable. the decision would have to be one where an authority had "taken into account matters which it ought not to take into account, or. conversely, has refused to take into account or neglected to take into account matters the Open University.

the decision-making process passes that test, the decision could still be challenged in the courts if it was one which "no reasonable body could have come to". An example given in an earlier case was a teacher dismissed because she had red hair.

The principles have since become the touchstone of the courts when deciding judicial review cases. Since 1947 there has been an exponential growth in the number of bodies and individuals who have been entrusted with important discretionary powers, and consequently of people complaining about unreasonable decisions.

The Wednesbury principles have been called upon in court to determine the outcome of many major disputes: could Leicester City Council ban a local rugby club from using a local sports ground after the club had failed to stop some of its members from touring South Africa during apartheid

in 1984? Could the Ministry of Defence discharge from the Armed Forces four people because of their sexual orientation? Was the Home Secretary acting within his powers when, in 1988, he issued a notice to the BBC and 1BA requiring them to refrain from broadcasting any words spoken by groups such as Sinn Fein. the IRA and the Ulster Defence Association? Were the television authorities acting within their powers in granting the Referendum Party only one party political broadcast in the last general election?

A decision to give preferential treatment to a councillor by awarding her a council house ahead of the queue was declared

unlawful as it was influenced by the view of the chairman of the housing committee that it would help to get her re-elected. Similarly, the decision of a local authority to switch its advertisements for teachers from The Times Higher Educational Supplement to another paper because the leader of the council was suing the newspaper's publishers for libel was held to be unlawful.

There were 3,604 applications to the High Court for judicial review in 1995, the last year for which figures are available. If delegated powers continue to grow, and if the Wednes-bury principles reach their 100th birthday without being overruled, an unreasonably large human effort will be spent on the determination of what is reasonable.

Dr Slapper is Director of the Law Programme at

### Irvine's

support

LORD IRVINE of Lairg, the Lord Chancellor, has been hinting that he wants the Bar Council to forge ahead with its cautious policy of slowly open-ing up the profession to direct referrals. Last week he wrote to Hilary Heilbron, QC, to congratulate her on the Bar's pilot scheme to give advice centres direct access to barristers (see above).

He added: "I am sure the Bar Council will consider what other areas can be opened up to direct referral . . : '

Early days

CHERIE BOOTH, QC, was in a reflective mood last week when she officially opened the North London legal aid firm Hodge Jones & Allen's new premises during its 20th anniversary celebrations - an event which drew the entire great and good of new Labour. She made a point of praising the firm for its commitment to helping the disadvantaged when, she said, many were questioning whether it was still worth trying to help the less well-off.

She also revealed her own close links with the firm, founded a few months after



she started practising. She regularly took instructions from it, including her first case band. Tony Blair, spent the first three months of their marriage living with her.

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before the Queen's Bench Difriends with one employee. Maggie Rae, now of Mishcon de Reya, that she and her hus-

JOHN MORTIMER, QC, is still much in demand as an after or pre-dinner speaker -three legal occasions have

called on his services recently. He spoke on Law. Fact or Fiction? for the Margaret Howard Memorial Lecture. The event is organised by her daughter, Gill Howard, an employment lawyer whose friends come from beyond the law to embrace the likes of Arnold Wesker.

Ms Howard says: "My parents were great theatregoers in Coventry, where Arnold's plays were first staged." Fair plea

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#### Dr Pannick. I presume

THE leading QC and Times columnist David Pannick has been awarded an honorary doctorate in law by the University of Hertfordshire - and in part it is for his writing. Professor Neil Buxto Vice-Chancellor, paid trib ute to Mr Pannick's work as a lawyer, academic and journalist.

Trials Abroad and its director Stephen Jakobi were regularused by the national media comment on the Louise Woodward case. The London based charity handles individual casework, runs a database for lawyers and conducts research projects into access to

But for how much longer can it help British citizens who face trials in foreign courthouses without a new injection of funds? It is labouring under an overdraft approaching £40,000. Mr Jakobi does not draw a salary.

• STEVEN PHILIPSOHN (Law, November 11) is a specialist fraud partner at Philip-sohn Crawford Berarld, not a specialist in Ford.

Young judge

TWO popular High Court judgeships have just been announced: David Penry-Davey, QC, 55, a deputy High Court judge, criminal practi-tioner and last year's Bar Chairman; and Stephen Richards, who since 1992 has been responsible for acting for the Government in civil cases in his role as First Junior Treasury Counsel. Richards, at 46, is one of the youngest High Court judges to have been

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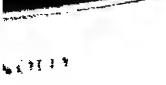
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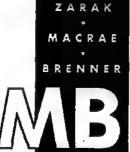
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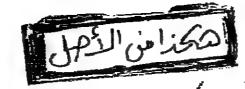






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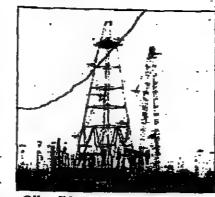
ighs of relief were being heard around City law firms last week at the announcements of Royal Dutch-Shell's link with Gazprom, and British Petroleum's purchase of 10 per cent of Sidamoo and the accompanying stake in vast gastields on the Chinese border. For those with strong energy and mineral practices in the former Soviet Union, the deals were a vindication of the time and money invested during the past seven years. Alan Jowett, head of the oil and gas group at Herbert Smith, comments: These deals indicate that a threshold in development has been passed. It confirms

at an ever-increasing rate." By Western standards it has been a long time coming, but lawyers who know the area advise that the only way to operate in Russia and the new independent states is by thinking long-term. Mark Saunders, a partner with Nabarro Nathanson, says: First you make friends, then you make partners, then you do deals and then you make money. You cannot short-circuit

that this sector will now start expanding

that sequence. Many of the big firms have invested in offices and staffing in Russia and Kazakhstan in the hope that it will pay off. But life has occasionally been uncomfortable as their London partners in less exotic sectors have questioned when the profits will start to flow. Political instability, corruption and the difficulties of the area have sown doubts about whether business

will ever take off. For those who knew about energy and minerals, there was never any question about the importance of the area. It would just take time. Spurred on by last week's news, lawyers who have believed in the potential of the region are now preparing to move forward. This week, for example, Alan Jowett is in Moscow for three days



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with a view to the firm establishing an office there. In the past, it was hard to choose whether or not to have a local presence. Now the arguments are more clear-cut. In any case, rival firms such as Clifford Chance and Linklaters, which has been acting for BP, have had offices in Russia for years. So, too, have some of the smaller players with strong energy inter-ests, such as Denton Hall.

The knock-on effects of these big energy deals is likely to be enormous as Western suppliers and investors -- from providers of technical plants to hoteliers - receive a boost to their confidence. As one lawyer commented: "When you see Shell and BP going in on a massive scale, it gives you reassurance that it is worth persevering."

It also marks an important stage in the growing credibility of commercial law in those jurisdictions after a period of extensive reform. As Alan Jowett points out: "There are still inconsistencies and gaps in local law out there and lags in the process of reform. But major investors now understand what can be achieved and are confident that the law will give them sufficient protection." Most deals are concluded in a mix of English, New York and local law, according to the shape of the transaction. Where land is concerned, for example, there is no alternative to the use of local statutes.

There is no question, however, that Western investors are looking for more than legal knowledge when selecting their legal advisers for projects in these territories. For example, the Morrison Construction Group, based in London, has been active recently in Azerbaijan undertaking large-scale projects for Western oil consortiums. Its legal advisers are the niche Aberdeen oil practice, Ledingham Chaimers, which also has a "working presence" in Baku.

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Stephen Silber, QC, on the Law Commission's proposed offence for the misuse of trade secrets

rade secrets cannot be stolen under present law because they do not constitute "property" for the purpose of the Theft Act 1968. This aspect of the law has been strongly criticised because in the words of an eminent parliamentarian, this is a country where "the theft of the boardroom table is punished far more severely than the theft of the boardroom secrets".

Other jurisdictions have extended the protection of the criminal law to the deliberate misuse of confidential business nformation: for example, the majority of American states and a number of European countries, including France and Germany, provide criminal sanctions against the misuse of trade secrets. In a consultation paper published today, Misuse of Trade Secrets (LCCP 150), we have provisionally concluded that there should be criminal sanctions for the misuse of trade secrets essentially because there is no distinction between harm caused by theft and the deliberate misuse of trade secrets. In both cases, the assets are being used for the benefit of the wrongdoer and the owner is likely to be caused damage We are conscious that vast amounts of money are spent on producing trade secrets such as manufacturing formula and technical data, and it seems strange that the criminal law does not provide a

It is also inconsistent for the law to provide criminal sanctions for the infringement of copyright and registered trademarks burnot for the misuse of trade secrets. We also believe that civil remedies alone are insufficient to discourage trade secret misuse, as many wrongdoers do not have the funds to satisfy any judgment against them. At present the law has no effective sanctions against the person who dishonestly misuses trade secrets and has

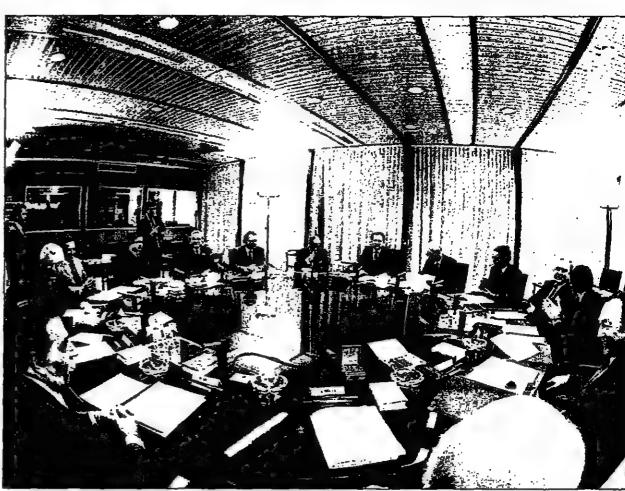
The Law Commission is very anxious that any new offences should be very clear, and therefore provisionally proposes that the definition of a "trade secret" should include a requirement that the owner had indicated -- expressly or impliedly - his wish to keep it secret. We invite views on whether the definition of trade secrets should make a reference to the use of the information in a trade or business and, if so, whether the definition should extend to information used in a profession or in non-commercial re-

Our provisional view is that the new offence should be committed by any person who uses or discloses a trade secret belonging to another without that other's consent. By "belonging to another" we mean the person is entitled to the benefit of the trade secret.

The Law Commission provisionally proposes that it should be an element of the new offence that the defendant knows that the information in question is a trade secret belonging to another and that he is aware that the other does not (or may not) consent to its use or disclosure. The proposed new offence must be

therefore be protected.

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defined so that it does not prevent socially desirable conduct. So we are very anxious that there should be a public interest defence and propose that the new offence should not apply to any disclosure or information which under the law of confidence would be justified on grounds of public interest. Our provisional view is that that there should be no criminal liability for the use or disclosure of a trade secret for the purpose of prevention, detection or exposure of crime, fraud or breach of duty, or which constitutes the present or future threat to the health or wealth of the community. The press will

Our proposed offence deals with the misuse of trade secrets but we invite views on whether the law should also cover the

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We propose that a person should not be entitled to rely on the privilege against self-incrimination in respect not only of our proposed offence but also of any conspiracy to commit it. To safeguard the person who gives information or provides documents at civil proceedings, we propose that such information or documents would not be permissible against that person save for proceedings for perjury or contempt of court.

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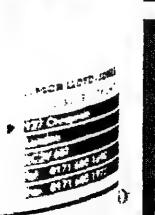
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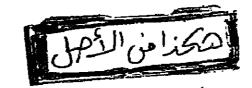








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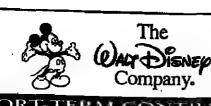
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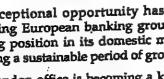
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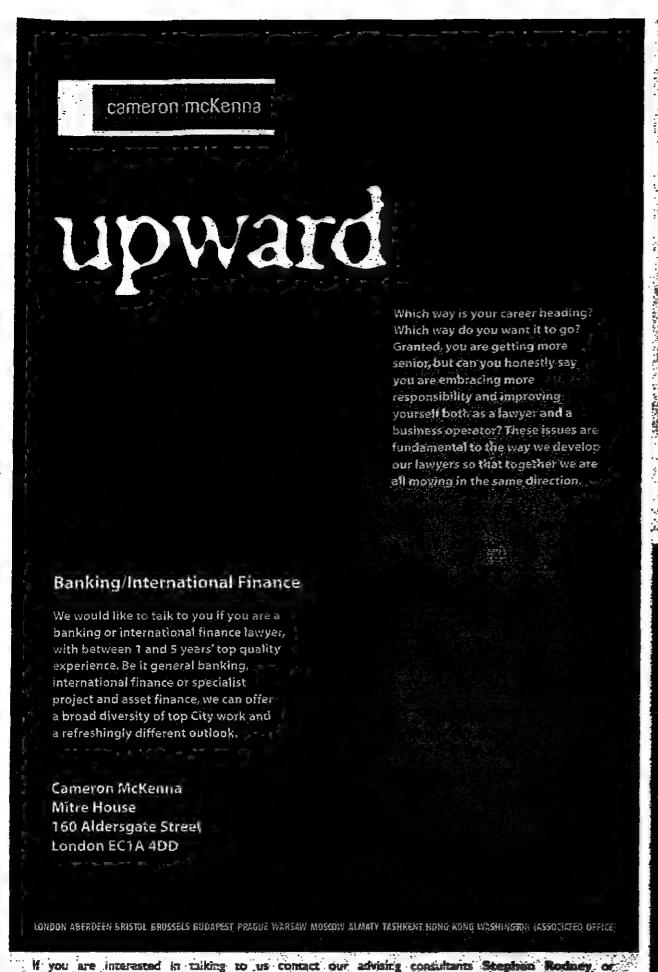
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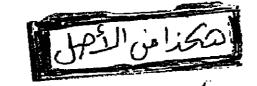
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## Favre sends frozen Cowboys packing

By OLIVER HOLT

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BARRY-SWITZER has done it again. The coach of the Dallas Cowboys, famous for giving himself a hefty boot in the mouth every few months, said last week that his team still regarded themselves as the true Super Bowl champions. in spite of the fact that the Green Bay Packers won the National Football League's ultimate prize last year. On Sunday, the Packers gave their reply.

Perhaps Mike Holmgren, the Green Bay coach, had taped Switzer's words up on the locker-room walls, because what happened at Lambeau Field at the weekend was about as clear an example of the passing of the flame from one team to another as it is possible to get.

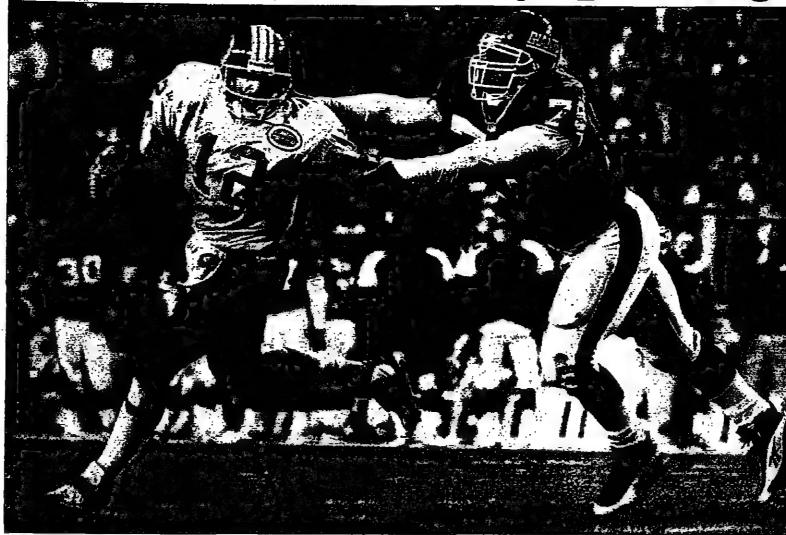
With a crushing 45-17 win over a Cowboy team that it had not beaten in eight previous attempts, the Packers reinforced the growing feeling that they, and not the Cowboys, have now assumed the mantle of being "America's Team".

Three times in the past seven years, the Cowboys stood between the Packers and the Super Bowl in the play-offs and each time Dallas emerged triumphant. On Sunday, the Packers finally got the Cowboys where they wanted them, on the "frozen tundra" of their home stadium in northern Wisconsin, and this time they exacted their revenge.

Brett Favre, their quarterback, threw for four touchdowns and their running back, Dorsey Levens, rushed for 190 yards, a record for Green Bay. The Packers have now won six of their past seven games and went into a clear lead at the top of the National Football Conference central division.

The Cowboys, who have lost half of their opening 12 games, face the indignity of not even making the play-offs, an even-tuality that will almost certainly lead to the sack for Switzer, a man once labelled Bozo the Coach" by the

national media. After a tight first half, the Packers burst into a commanding lead in the third when Favre threw two touchdown passes to the



Gus Frerotte, the Washington Redskins quarterback, eludes Bernard Holsey to score a second-quarter touchdown against the New York Giants

Green Bay tight end, Mark Chmura. "It's great finally to beat these guys," Favre said. "It's a shame it took so long but we finally did it and, believe me, they are still

With the Cowboys effectively removed from the reckoning, it seems that only the San Francisco 49ers stand between the Packers and another place in the Super Bowl, in San Diego on January 25. That particular obstacle to Green Bay ambition, though, seems to be growing with every game that the 49ers

On Sunday, on home territory. San Francisco broke a franchise record by winning their eleventh consecutive reg-ular-season game with a 17-10 win over the San Diego Chargers. Steve Young, their quarterback, who is in the midst of a welcome renaissance, threw for two touchdowns and also moved into second place in the all-time quarterback rushing

"It is nice to get !! straight," Steve Mariucci, the San Francisco coach, said. "We wanted to cut loose today but quite simply it just did not happen. Obviously we want to be better. We would like to be a bit more consistent." Last year the New York Jets

were the most consistent team the National Football League: they lost 15 of their 16

they continued the remarkable transformation effected by their new coach, Bill Parcells, when they beat the Minnesota Vikings 23-21 to regain sole possession of the lead in the American Football Conference eastern division.

There was a deeper significance to the win, too. It was the Jets' eighth of the season and it meant that they were now assured, at the least, of not having more losses than wins at the end of the regular season, a record that was inconceivable this time last year. "That was a big, big win for us today." Parcells said. "They can't call us losers any

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## Novotna puts past failures far behind her

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THE year is almost over, four grand-slam events this Thanksgiving is around the corner and Jana Novotna has a few weeks off to decide how to spend her \$500,000 (about £310,000) as the winner of the Chase Championships here. Her 7-6, 6-2, 6-3 victory over Mary Pierce rounded off one of the most successful seasons for women's tennis and a fascinating week in Madison Square Garden.

For Novotna, at the age of 29, she felt that it was the finest moment in her long career. She has made her mark in grand-slam events in doubles, winning 13 titles, but, when it came to singles, she has never done herself justice, losing two finals at Wimbledon and one in Australia. Now, at last, she has a significant trophy to add to her collection.

"I have come a long way, she said. "After winning this tournament, even if I don't win another tournament, even if I don't win another match, I just proved to myself that I am the player I expected to be. I am a champion.

it was not the greatest of finals, but Novoma's style, with her powerful service -she racked up 15 aces - and clean volleys made it an entertaining encounter. Pierce started by trying her hand at the net, but, after losing the first set, she reverted to the relative safety of the baseline. "I'm happy I made the final,

but I'm not so happy that I didn't win," Pierce said. "Jana played a great match and I'm not ashamed of myself. I have a lot to look forward to next Pierce's defeat of Martina

Hingis earlier in the week was one of the best matches of the tournament. Indeed, the event had been open from the start and, with the chance to dent a few reputations, each player took her turn in the spotlight.

en's tennis is enjoying a reviv-

year at the age of 17, and Anna liams have made headlines, if

not finals, in 1997. We have been waiting a long time for this moment. where we see the changing of the generations," Novotna

Women's tennis needed a boost and we needed the younger players. Now it makes it interesting for everyone to see the contrast in styles between the experienced players and the vounger ones.

The pity is that, while the players are doing their bit on



at her victory speech

the court, off court the promomore than half of the 18.000 seats at the Garden were full, while the matches were shown on the Madison Square Garden cable network, where only 68,000 tuned in to see

Pierce and Hingis. For years, the Women's Tennis Association has been claiming that women's tennis is about more than just Steffi the promise has been fulfilled, but the authorities seem to have no idea how to make the

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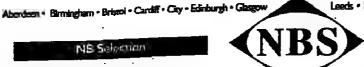
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## Montgomerie makes first move towards his American dream

EARLY in 1989 I placed a telephone call to a hotel in Portugal where Colin Montgomerie, who was then a 25-year-old in his second full season as a professional, was competing in a tournament. As he did, and still does, for that matter Montgomerie talked and talked

There is no other golfer in the world who converses as articulately as Montgomerie and discussions around the family dining table in years gone by must have been quite animated, because Douglas Montgomerie, Colin's brother, and James, their father, can talk, too. Hind legs and donkeys come to

The subject for some of our telephone conversation those years ago was whether Montgomerie, a middle-class, former public schoolboy, could cut the mustard among the more worldly-wise, if less als. "Ach yes," Montgomerie, not betraying a moment of self-doubt, said. He uses the word "ach", if there is such a word, in the way most Scots use the word "och". "I am tough enough. If I have had a

that major success

is imminent for the Scot after tasting victory in the US

not stop me becoming a good

I put the telephone down, my head ringing with the feeling that Montgomerie would amount to more than just an occasional vinner of tournaments in Europe. This view was confirmed when he won that tournament in Portugal by II strokes and he has continued the winning habit to an exceptional degree since. In the past month alone, for example, he has captured a fifth successive Order of Merit in Europe, which no one else has done. Nine days ago he won the Hassan Trophy in Rabat, Morocco. a silly, end-of-season bonanza for a few, the winner receiving a jewel-

encrusted dagger. Many pros suffer a setback after



Montgomerie with the World Cup trophy he won on Sunday

#### John Hopkins feels avoid that pitfall, then the longer

their career the greater the chance of a slump. Montgomerie has had neither. He is the only golfer of the modern European era who has continued to improve as each year of his professional career passes. Winning the individual title at the World Cup at Kiawah Island. South Carolina, on Sunday marks another step forward in as much as

has won an event in the United The US has been a bogy for Montgomerie for no apparent reason. He likes the US, studied there and has a powerful and accurate game that is ideally suited to many of its courses. Before Sunday, though, he had never tasted victory, having been beaten in playoffs for two major championships and finished second or third in two more. On Sunday he laid the bogy in style, each of his past three

it is the first time that Montgomerie

rounds being 66, six under par.

Montgomerie has few of the fetishes that afflict modern golfers. He is not unduly concerned about his fitness and, by the standards of many players, he scarcely prac-tises. The formula clearly works. In events at Slaley Hall in June and Druid's Glen in July, he can scarcely have played better. In between, he came second to Ernie Els in the US Open.

A few weeks ago Montgomerie decided not to commit himself to playing significantly more in the US next year. Mark McCormack, the agent, and Johnnie Miller, the television commentator and former Open champion, were two men who suggested that he was good enough to win major championships without leaving Europe.

Reassurances from knowledgeable men such as these may have been sufficient to boost Montgomerie's confidence, which, in turn, may be why he won at Kiawah Island last week. This victory could open the floodgates for Montgomerie and launch him on a new chapter of success. All that confidence he demonstrated down a crackling telephone line in 1989 may be about to be borne out.

## Behind him every step of the way

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meets a woman providing support in a man's world

f the 180 professional Spain who are competing for the right to play Christophe Pottier, a 26-year-old Frenchman, is the one that is different. The person caddying for him, and inevitably a couple of yards behind him here at the PGA qualifying school in San Roque, is woman, the only one fulfilling such a role in a world populated by men with weather-beaten faces and grass-stained trainers.

Cecile Gillot is a slim, vibrant 25-year-old who has lived with Pottier for seven years and caddies for him as often as she can spare the time from her English studies at the Sorbonne in Paris. She is slight, elf-like almost, and her small face framed by black hair is emphasised by the peak of her long, black cap and the burliness

a caddie," Gillot said. "I am not like Fanny Sunesson. I do not read greens or do yardages. He likes to do that sort of thing himself — it is part of his routine. But obviously I know Christophe well and I am concerned about him. He knows I care so much. He has said he can concentrate better when I am caddying for him.

"Because of my status, I can say things to him that no one else can say. A caddie who does not know him can quickly irritate him. He might say something like: OK, you have had two double-bogeys, you must fight now.' That is obvious and it is precisely the sort of

There are those who believe that love, though it can often inspire,



Gillot lends a sympathetic ear to the struggling Pottier

can also sometimes confuse. There is a line between supporting your partner in everything by being alongside and supporting from behind the ropes. Eimear Montgomerie is an example of the latter, as is Laura Norman, Greg's wife, and Brenna Cepeiak, Nick Faldo's companion. Gillot, however, is of the same persuasion as Jarmo Sandelin's girlfriend, Linda

Lundgren, and Jean Van de Velde's wife, Brigitte. 'My opinion is that it is very important for a woman to be

there," Gillot said. "Jean [Van de

Veldel would have achieved nothing if his wife had not done everything for him. She caddied for him for a while, organised his life off the course. Now she follows him every step of the way. She is on the course each day. I don't see how you can be in love with someone without wanting to share their passion all the time. If it is a part of their life, it is a part of your

"When Christophe plays well, there is nothing to say afterwards,"

harder. Pottier has not played well in Spain. Rain and lightning have caused delays and the fourth round will be finished this morning, after which the cut will be made and the leading 70 will play one more round, if possible. Pottier will not be among them. At present, he is 17 over par, 26 strokes behind Robert-Jan Derksen, the

"It was no surprise," Gillot said, smiling. "We are trying not to kill ourselves. When you are plus nine after the first round, it is very difficult to concentrate for the rest of the week. I know a little technically. I know that this week his posture has been bad, he has the ball too far to the left, his stance is too narrow. He has bad days

'He has said that he can concentrate better when I am caddying for him'

with his swing. We have to put this week into context and make sure we do not make the same mistakes next year.

"It is extremely exciting to caddie. In France there is a tradition of looking down at people who play sport. In my studies at the Sorbonne I come across a lot of pseudo-intellectuals and there is a aggestion in France that if you play sport you must be stupid.

There was a good example of this when Pete Sampras was interviewed recently and he said that he played his best tennis when he did not think too much, when his mind was clear. The interviewer made it seem as though he thought Sampras meant that to play tennis well it helped to be simple. That is a typical French

for Christophe. I don't care. I have nothing to prove to them. Golf is a self all the time and you really get to know yourself. You have to have clear objectives and you must think about them again and again. Golf is very taxing mentally. I am studying for a PhD in English Studies and my thesis is on American civilisation. It is not intellectually frustrating for me to be on a golf course rather than at

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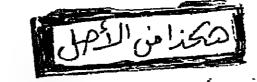
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**RACING:** HUNTINGDON STAGES MOUTH-WATERING CLASH BETWEEN THREE FAVOURITE CHASERS

## Martha's Son to make champion return

By Richard Evans, racing correspondent

THE National Hunt routine. which invariably sees each Saturday providing another piece in the Cheltenham Festival jigsaw, is thrown glorious-ly out of kilter today when three of the country's most popular chasers clash in what hould prove to be a memorable running of the Peterborough Chase at Huntingdon.

A normally quiet Tuesday will be transformed for jump enthusiasts as One Man, the dual King George VI Chase winner, drops back in trip to take on Martha's Son and Viking Flagship, who between them have won the Queen Mother Champion Chase and the Mumm Melling Chase at Aintree three times.

In a race which would grace Cheltenham or Aintree, One Man and Martha's Son are both officially rated 180 - 71b clear of Viking Flagship. However. One Man would be my outsider of the three. The Gordon Richards-trained grey may be highly talented with a superb cruising speed, but he is also flawed. When it comes to a battle, as this race surely will in the closing stages, he is likely to be found wanting.

Despite a far-from-perfect preparation, Martha's Son beat Viking Flagship by three lengths at the Cheltenham Festival and by more than eight lengths at Aintree last season. Tim Forster, his circumspect trainer, was yesterday relatively hopeful of a bold

who has won three times at the Feniand course. He is "nearly" 100 per cent for his return.

But is there any reason why the Festival form of last term should be reversed? Nicholson believes there is, "We have had a run - and last year we were running on unsuitable ground," he said. The soft ground and strong pace set by Mulligan at Exeter, along with a stiff finish, were ideal for Viking Flagship last time. But that was over 24 miles, as

opposed to today's extended



TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

21/2 miles on good ground. Martha's Son just gets the vote in a race to savour.

The Channel 4 cameras are covering two races at Worcester and the line-up for the Countryside Counts Worcester Novices' Chase (2.25) looks competitive. Grange Court will relish the stamina test, having won over an extended three miles at Towcester last time, but Flying Gunner was best of these over hurdles and showing from his stable star, loves the mud. He was badly

hampered at the first fence when making his chasing debut 19 days ago. That run can be safely ignored and he has schooled well at home. The Tramps Night Club of

Worcester Handicap Chase (3.25) offers the Forster stable the chance of a double with Poncher. This progressive seven-year-old will be admirably suited by the near threemile test and soft ground. Back at Huntingdon, Mis-

ter Blake looks well weighted in the Normans Cross Handicap Chase (2.10) after a debut success over fences at Bangor. Course specialist Solo Gent and Coole Hill are the dan-

Oi Mother will suited by the longer trip in the Hoechst Roussel Panacur EBF Mares Novices' Hurdle (2.40), but Bessie Browne could be the value. She was a staying-on fourth in a decent novice hurdle won by Cherrymore at Newbury and will appreciate

stepping up in distance.

Spring Saint showed improved form when winning at Towcester nine days ago but he must have soft ground and this sharp two miles may not be ideal in the Wamdha Handicap Hurdle (3.40). By contrast. Wamdha has won five times over course and distance but likes a fast surface. Bold Statement would probably have won at Worcester but for a last-flight mistake and he can make amends



Martha's Son, the champion two-mile chaser, returns to action at Huntingdon today

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However, being owned by the legendary irish gambler, I P McManus, the bookmakers are taking

few chances and offer a best-priced 8-1. General Worle was unable to match Surry Bay on

his reappearance at Haydock, but should have com on for the run, will be 51b better off and will

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BETTING: 15-8 Coole Hills, 4-1 Maler Biblio, 6-1 Solio Geni, 7-1 Persian Secret, 8-1 High Lease, 10-1 Cosm Lauder, 12-1 Cyroll Henry, 14-1 others.

Solo Gent 141 2nd of 6 to Munymous in handicap class at Kampton (3m, good to fam) with High Learts (6th better oft) fell Coole His local Kauphty Future 1141 in 14-mmer feordinap chase at Meriel Resen (3m 11, good), previously best Kannestino VII in 8-numer novice handicap chase at Meriel Resen (3m 11, good to fam). Persian Sword pressant ride in handicap chase at Meriel Resen (3m 11, good to soil), previously 7%1 4th of 5 to Dark City in handicap chase at Martiel Resen (2m 41, good to soil), Proviously 7%1 4th of 5 to Dark City in handicap chase at Martiel Resen (2m 41, good to soil), Proviously 7%1 4th of 5 to Dark City in handicap chase at Huntingdon (2m 41 floyd, good to soil), Proviously Pall Areatar 141 in 8-marter handicap chase at Toescaster (3m 110yd, good to fam), Proviously best Areatar 141 in 8-marter handicap chase at Rengor (3m 110yd, good to fam). Cyrlid Henry unseated rider in handicap chase at Vencanton (2m 51 floyd, good to fam). Cyrlid Henry unseated rider in handicap chase at Vencanton (2m 51 good) graviously 341 2nd of 4 to 181 to halder sold for in handicap chase at Vencanton (2m 51 floyd, good). Ryton Run besten a distance 5th of 8 to Senhaut Retriever in arreteurs handicap chase at Hereland (2m 31 good to soil), previously 221 4th of 10 to Dream Leader in handicap chase at Hereland (2m 31 good to soil), previously 221 4th of 10 to Dream Leader in handicap chase at Hereland (2m 31 good to soil), previously 221 4th of 10 to Dream Leader in handicap chase at Hereland (2m 31 good to soil), previously 221 4th of 10 to Dream Leader in handicap chase at Good to soil).

2.40 HOECHST EBF MARES NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES

BETTIME: 13-8 Temperaturus Lizin, 9-4 Ca Mother 7-2 Bessie Browne, 10-1 Madam Music. 16-7 others. 1898: SAYE FAME 5-19-12 3 McNedi (9-4) K Bulley 10 ran

1980: GAYE FAME 5-10-12 S Mohali (9-0) K Bulley 10 ran

Of Moham base Humicana Jane 161 on 10-numer marse novice hundle at Towcester (2m, good to soft); previously beat Kerry's Cisis 81 in 17-numer nat hunt hat race at Worcester (2m, good). Ardenhar 401 5th of 9 to Mesa Verde in marden hundle at Forthrell (2m 2f 110yd, good to soft), previously 211 4th of 11 to Boots Madden in nat hunt flat race at Fatenham (2m, good). Bessel Browne 341 4th of 12 to Chemyanore in novice hundle at Newtony (2m 110yd, good), previously 171 4th of 18 to Gatifax in nat hunt flat race at Huntingdon (2m 110yd, good). Kendont Tara 13 9th of 17 to Asrion in novice hundle at Hereford (2m 3f 110yd, good) to soft); previously 10 5th of 18 to Wynyard Lady in net hunt flat race at Banger (2m 11, good). Second Fiddle 277 6th of 14 to Hill Families in mares novice hundle at Hereford (2m, good to Smet Linde Briar 36) 6th of 13 to Better Offer in novice hundle at Huntingdon (2m 110yd, good to Jam). Tawiny Warbler 231 7th of 9 to Custanquey in mains novice hundle at Towcester (2m, good to Soft).

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going on which herse his woo (F — Britt, good to soft, hard, G — good, S — soft, good to soft, have). Owner in brackets. Trainer Age and waght, Rider plus any allowings. The Times Timeleaper's speed rating

3.10 PETERBOROUGH CHASE (Grade II: £18,038; 2m 4i 110yd) (6 runners)

| 22F11- MARTHA'S SQN 223 (CD.F.G.S) (M Ward-Thomas) T Forster 10-11-10 . R Farsant 1128F2-1 DRE MAN 24 (D.F.G.S) (M Haises) & Rectaurus 9-13-10 . B Democody 1128F2-1 DRE MAN 24 (D.F.G.S) (M Haises) & Rectaurus 9-13-10 . D Mahousur 10-11-10 . A Maquiri M23S-1 VMORG FLASSHEP 27 (D.F.G.S) (M Israels on Netholson 7-11-1 . R Thomson FRUZ-2F THE LAST FLINE 6 (D.F.G.S) (M Israelson) Mrs S Smith 7-11-1 . R Great 187 3/9F15- THEMOREY CULTUROUN 180 (8) (M Vescon) M W firstian 8-11-1 . Mr M Farma SETTING: 11-6 Marths's Son, 15-8 One Man, 2-1 Vising Flagship, 20-1 The Lext Flag, 50-1 others 1998: DUBLIN FLYER 10-11-1 B Powel (4-9 lar) I Forsier 6 ran

Martina's Son bast Strong Promise 5/ in grade (4-numer chase at Antine (2m 44, good) with Viking Flagethp (levels) 8% 3rd, previously best Ask Torn 21/4 in 6-numer grade (chase at Chellen-tern (2m, good to firm) with Viking Flagethp (levels) 3/3 3rd. One Man best Batton Bunk 21/4 in 4-numer grade (if chase at Wetherby (3m 1), good to firm). Viking Flagethp best Mulispan 6/4 in 6-numer grade (if chase at Wetherby (3m 1), good to firm). Viking Flagethp best Mulispan 6/4 in 6-numer grade (if handcap chase at Evetre (2m 1) 110/nd, good) to soft). Camitrov 45/5 6th of 7 to Frickley in handcap chase at Bangor (2m 4/1 10/nd, good). The Leaf Fling left in handcap chase at haydock (3m, good); previously 6/2 2nd of 7 to Califore Bay in handcap chase at Utiquater (2m 5t, soid). Thermoreyoutspow tell in novice chase at Utiquater (3m 2), good to firm).

3.40 WAMDHA HANDICAP HURDLE

(£5,321: 2m 110yd) (10 runners) 

Loss handicas: Wendle 9-13, Bartholomen Fels 9-11 BETTIME: 5-2 Bold Statement, 5-1 Barbrid Songalign, Bartholamer Far, Warndtu, 8-1 Spring Sunt, 10-1 other. 1998: TEBUSN 5-13-0 A P McCov (6-13 lav) T Forder 7 ran

Tibutan pulled up in handicap turdle won by Mirrello at Chapetow
(2m 44 1199d, good in soft). New inn 7/ 2md of 5 to Poller's Gale
in handicap handle at Lescasiar (2m, good to soft). Barford
Sovereign 994 3rd of 7 to Star Market in handicap hurdle at Werwick (2m 3f, good). Lear 4et 411
7th of 9 to Flying fiddler in handicap hurdle at Kenglon (2m 5f, good). Boal Statement 94 2md of 7
to Miss Roberto in handicap hurdle at Worcester (2m, good) Boal Statement 94 2md of 7
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to Miss Roberto in handicap hurdle at Worcester (2m, good) Dear good in soft). Spring
Solart beat New Leaf 4ft in 7-ronner handicap hurdle at Towcester (2m, good) Dear Do 114 th of 8
to Scotist Barnbi in handicap cress at Lescaster (2m 1f, good to soft). Warndte left in handicap
hurdle at Hurtlingdon (2m 110yd, good), previously beat 3rm Market neck in 6-runner handicap
hurdle at Hurtlingdon (2m 110yd, good) Bartholomew Fair 8t 2nd of 13 to Better Offer in nonner
hurdle at Hurtlingdon (2m 110yd, good to limit)

BOLD STATEMENT can continue his trainer's good record in this race

1.35 FAUCETS FOR GROHE WATER CENTRES CONDITIONS STAKES (£3,388: 1m 2l) (6)

10-11 Russing Stag, 13-8 Unconditional Love, 100-30 Actions, 33-1 others.

2.05 FAUCETS MAIDEN STAKES (£3,339, 1m) (11)

1 5-80 BLOOD DRANGE 192 6 Margaran 3-9-0 . B Cochrane 7 2 6003 DURABLE ESCRIBE 122 Bindge 3-9-0 . D Biggs 11 3 0400 RYAM BDY 24 A Batey 3-9-0 . N Hodgson 1 4 0002 KARL 10.1 BB G I Mone 3-9-0 . N Hodgson 1 5 6504 MANNATO 19 D Cocgree 3-9-0 . M Rhomer 6 6 65 OTHER CLUB 402 J Toller 3-9-0 . S Sanders 9 7 50 ABLE LASS BT R Amchong 3-9-9 . F Notion 5 8 600 LAWFALL BLUE 24 C Owyn 3-8-9 . S Whitworth 4 9 00 MILKY WAY 24 S Woods 3-8-9 . N Deg 3 10 PINE CREEK ( Cothell 3-8-9 . M Fertion 8 11 6 RASSPERRY SAUCE 107 C Cy21 3-9-9 . Dean Mickeym 10 10 MILKY WAY 24 DWOOds 3-9-9 . Dean Mickeym 10 10 MILKY WAY 24 SWOOds 3-9-9 . Dean Mickeym 10 10 MILKY WAY 24 SWOOds 3-9-9 . Dean Mickeym 10 10 MILKY WAY 24 SWOOds 3-9-9 . Dean Mickeym 10 10 MILKY WAY 24 SWOOds 3-9-9 . Dean Mickeym 10 10 MILKY WAY 24 SWOOds 3-9-9 . Dean Mickeym 10 10 MILKY WAY 24 SWOOds 3-9-9 . Dean Mickeym 10 MILKY WAY 24 SWOODS 3-9-9 . Dean Mickeym 10 MILKY WAY 24 SWOODS 3-9-9 . Dean Mickeym 10 MILKY WAY 24 SWOODS 3-9 . Dean Mickeym 10 MILKY WAY 24 SWOODS 3-9 . Dean Mickeym 10 MILKY WAY 24 SWOODS 3-9 . Dean Mickeym 10 MILKY WAY 24 SWOODS 3-9 . Dean Mickeym 10 MILKY WAY 24 SWOODS 3-9 . Dean Mickeym 10 MILKY WAY 24 SWOODS 3-9 . Dean Mickeym 10 MILKY WAY 24 SWOODS 3-9 . Dean Mickeym 10 MILKY WAY 24 SWOODS 3-9 . Dean Mickeym 10 MILKY WAY 24 SWOODS 3-9 . Dean Mickeym 10 MILKY WAY 24 SWOODS 3-9 . Dean Mickeym 10 MILKY WAY 24 SWOODS 3-9 . Dean Mickeym 10 MILKY WAY 24 SWOODS 3-9 . Dean Mickeym 10 MILKY WAY 24 SWOODS 3-9 . Dean Mickeym 10 MILKY WAY 24 SWOODS 3-9 . Dean Mickeym 10 MILKY WAY 24 SWOODS 3-9 . Dean MILK

2.35 FAUCETS MAIDER STAKES (52,294-71) (12) 2. OJ FAUCETS MADER STAKES (22,294:71) (12)

1 0000 AFTER BIGHT 28 (BF) R Amistrorg 2-9-0 F Norton 10

2 D BANK ON HIM 17 61 Moore 2-9-0 M Wightain 2

3 D REEFY MEC 18 H Collegeogs 2-9-0 M Rammer 11

4 O BOLD HAWN 17 B Smar 2-9-0 J Stack 5

5 OP IL DESTRIO 36 (BF) P Malen 2-9-0 R Cockrane 8

6 DO DOMAR'S CONYSSEY 29 P Matchell 2-9-0 R Cockrane 8

6 DO DOMAR'S CONYSSEY 29 B Matchell 2-9-0 S Carson (7) 7

10 DAMAR'S ONYSSEY 29 B Matchell 2-9-0 S Carson (7) 7

11 O GRANAGENTAL 17 A Farshame 2-9-9 S Sanders 3

10 O GRANAGENTAL 17 A Farshame 2-9-9 R Porturn 4

11 65 TRE ROBE 4 (BF) 3 Machan 2-9-9 G Hannon (7) 12

7-2 After Eight 3-2 Resson Deligit, 13-2 The Robe, 7-1 Elabetiou, 8-1 others.

4-9 katir 10-1 Mamilato, 12-1 Durable George, 14-1 licam Boy, 16-1 others

3.05 FAUCETS FOR GROHMASTER LOW OR HIGH PRESSURE HANDICAP (Div II: £1,944: 2m) (10)

PRESSURE HANDILAR (UN II: 2.1,344; 211) (10)

1 - 512 ANJOU 27 (CD.F.G) J Pearce 5-10-0 — G Faudrer (5) 10

2 0000 BROUGHTONS FORMULA 15 (B.C.O) W Messon 7-9-1 D O'Shee 9

3 0040 ETBROTY 25 J Farstone 3-8-13 — S Sanders 3

4 007 LITTLE HOOLGAN 121 // S) \$ Knight 6-8-11 — Dean Maticoom B

5 3110 BETRIE 51 (67.) 61 Moreo 3-8-9 — Candy Moris 2

6 1150 SELNESTON 18 (D.6.5) \$ C Williams 5-8-8 — D Williams (7) 5

7 0005 R VINIS COLUMNS 15 (5 Besthad 3-8-5 — A Candy Moris 2

6 2405 LEGALLY YUNES 122 (7) 1 Mortgoin that 4-8-4 M Harded (7) 1

9 0642 MOSE OF BLEM 15 (C.F.G) 8 Palling 6-8-2 — P P Shurphy (3) 6

10 0435 DOYSMER 27 (7) 6 Limits 3-7-10 — N Cards 6-4 3-1 Rose Ol Glann, 5-1 Seigneston, 6-1 Broughtons Formula, Doyenna, 7-1 others

3.35 LADBROKE ALL-WEATHER TROPHY HANDICAP (Qualifier £2,791: 1m) (12)

HARKERGAR\* (CHEMINE\* 22,791\* TITT) (12)

1 0071 MYTIONS METIANE 22 (D.F.S) R Hodges 4-10-8 R Cochrane 2
2 9500 WHITE PLANE 20 (F.S) K Burke 4-9-13 ... P Doe (7) 6
3 1843 BARBAGON 7 (8F.CD.F) G L Moore 5-9-13 ... M Tebbut 10
5 0067 PUZZI EMENT 15 (CD) C Britain 3-9-12 ... W Ryan 8
6 0000 SOAKHIG 15 (CD) F M Libra 7-9-9 ... P MCCabe (3) 3
7 1034 ROBELLON 15 (CD) F D Arberton 6-9-9 ... S Withworth 4
6 2035 DUNIMER SOLY TIME 7 (VL.B) Land Humanglas 4-9-3 Carelins 9
9 0000 DOWNED OVER TITT (F) C Oyes 4-9-6 ... Dean McKnown 1
10 0040 GENES 24 (CD) F.C.S. IA Bayles 4-9-5 ... J Benstey (7) 11
11 0012 ALFAHAAL 19 (8F.D.F.S) C Dayer 4-9-3 ... M Wigness 5
12 0048 BVOCATION 12 (CD) G L Noon 10-9-2 ... A Cask 12
1-Portsmont 7-2 Restoces 11-2 Alfahad 7-18 Restolem 10-10-12

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

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Going good good to solt on bends.

12.50 (2m hdte) 1. Final Stab (W McFartand, 6-1), 2. Among Istands. (20-1), 3. Albemme (7-1). Brighstone, 6-4. lay. 16. tan. NR. Haydown, Jotto B. 1-4. C. Dayer. Yote E14.30, 54.30. 55.40, 52.30. DF. 64.38.20. Yno nor won. CSF 5719.01.

1.20 (3m ch) 1. Wandering Light (R Johnson, 11-10 lay. Richard Eversia" nept. 2. Comitours (5-1), 3. Cool Runner (20-1), 11 tan. 29-), 6-1. Territor Tote (200. £1.40. £2.10, 64.90. DF. (8-80. CSF £6.13. 18.0 £2m hdte) 1. Bendamm (A P McCoy 6-5.

2.20 (3m 3i 110yd ch) 1, Skideofhill (P Carberry, 5-4 lav), 2, Muhari Agroctmen (5-1), 3i, Bailyedeard (6-1), 7an 8i, 5i J C'Neil 7ac 22 20, £1 60 £2 30 DF £4 30 CSF £8 18

2.2.6 (Em 51 110yd hdigi 1, Churchtown Gler (C Meude, 6-1), 2, in The Blond (100-30), 3, Albernarie (11-10 lav) 8 ran 31, 2:1 5 Brookshaw Tote 55 80 51 90 51 60 51 10 DF 513.40 CSF 524 68 RICHARD EVANS E

Nap: Three Farthings (2.55 Worcester)

The stoutly bred Three Farthings won over two miles last season, but should reliab today's longer trip. Suited by soft ground. Jim Old's runner looks fairly handicapped on his seasonal reappearance.

Next Best: Flying Gunner

3.20 (Cm ch) 1. Get Reef IM A Foogstuce, 9-2), 2, Royal Event (4-1) 3. Memutaine (9-1) Step Cn Eyer 11-8 fav 7 ran 111 sh het Henderson Tote 55 10, 12.20, 0180 CF 08.20 CSF 20.48 3.90 (2m 1, Sunday Venture 3.1 A Foogstald, 6-1), 2. Miner's 56 (15-1) 3. Casile Oven (1-2 fav) 15 ran Ns. 13. N Henderson Tote 05 10 61 10, 65 90, 61 10 DF 0247 40, 110 623 00 055 7689 95 Placepot 1728 90. Chaptot 153.40

Placepot: C128 90. Quadpot £9.40 Catterick

2:10 (2m ch) 1. Prince Of Saints (R Gamily, 15-8 (av.), 2. Last Try (100-30), 3. Paparazzo (100-30), 10 ran NR Appearance Money, 51

5-2 lavi: 2, Poter King (11-4); 3 Change Imp (11-4); 11 rain 3-4, 4: J Jetlerson Tote 1-3 10, C1 10, C1 90, 52 10 DF E9 90, Thor E3 70 CSF £10 53

Section 25,977.20. Piacepot £25 70.

Southwell

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Goorg Sandard

12 00 (1m) 1, Godmensham Park (G Parkn, 12-1), 2, Legal Instar (7-4 inst), 3, Zalotro (5-1) 14 ran NR Dommo Five, Jimpares 14, 174 P Feloato Tote 216 50; 26 40, 51 10, £1 50 DF 527 40 CSF (25 5 6 Totas), £129 06

1 00 (1m: 3f) 1 Asolina (D McKeown, 3-1 fax) 2 Reed (6-1), 3, Whidmoor (10-1), 18 ran 41, 31 S Nejtlewoll Tole E4 40, £2 80, £2 50, £4 30 DF £18 00 CSF £22 59 E250, £4 30 DF £18 00 CSF £22 59
1,30 (8) 1, Affedde East (Nim Hart, 5-2 tes), 2,
Faylk (\*-2), 3 Paio Blanco (6-1), 4, Sylven
Dancer (16-1) 16 ran - NJ, 3-NJ, T Barron,
Toke £4 8t; £150, £7 0, £3,00, £180 DF
£15:20 CSF £12 59 Thosat £56 00
2,00 (1/m) 1, Democrat (G Durheld, 1-2 tay),
2 Molly Music (10-1), 3, Denong Dectiny
(20-1), 4, Sea Spouse (12-1) 16 ran, 41 ris, M
Physical Total £1 60; £1 10, £2 40, £3 70,
£2 90 DF £11 40 Tho £285 10, CSF £8 21
Trocas £50 55
2,30 (1/m) 1, Double Edged (G Dutfield, 2-5

18230 (170) 1, Double Edged (G Duffield, 2-5 1av) 2, Macamadas (9-2), 3, Nelsed Cal (16-1) 8 tan 1) nk M Johnston, Tote E1-50; £1 10, £1 60, £1 50 DF £4 00 CSF © 49 C110, C1 60, C1 60 DF 64 00 CSF C2 49
3.00 (Im) 1, Lady EB U, Stack, 6-1), 2, Sharp
Monkey (20-1) 3. Burmor. Own 114-11
Dance To The Beal 11-10 tan 45 ran -14-12
Smeir Tote 18-40; C2 30 DS 70 C16 40 DF
C136 70 CSF C130 14 Two E231 20
3.30 (Im 64) 17 G1 Tot (MRS) Arbuttmor. 6-1),
2, Edan Haights (8-1); 3, Pharty Dancer (6-4
Jay) 13 ran, 39, 21 D Arbutmor Tote: 65 70;
CSF C350, C1 50 DF 529 10 Troc 27 77
CSF C350, Trocast C135 46,

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GOING: SOFT (GOOD TO SOFT IN PLACES)

1.25 UK RACING RACING SADDLERS NOVICES HURDLE (£2,408: 2m) (11 numbers) | URBOILE (\$22,408: 2m) (11 NEMBERS) | DARTION GREEN 13 5 Bruckshw 6-10-12 ... C Maude | 1 254-FRYS NO FOOL 270 (0.5) J ON 7-10-12 ... C Lieuwilyn | 1 - HOLLOA AWAY 199 (0.5) T Forsic 5-10-12 ... B Johnson | 2 3 NEGATINE FOLITY 10 A Tunel 5-10-12 ... L Harvey | 3 NEGATINE FOLITY 10 A Tunel 5-10-12 ... L Harvey | 4 P NetCoy | 5 PERKAY 33F Is Pice 4-10-12 ... A P NetCoy | 5 DOLD FEET 244 C Aducted 6-10-7 ... B Powel | 2 5 COLD FEET 244 C Aducted 6-10-7 ... B Powel | 3 P DARFOOL EXPRESS 13 M Page 4-10-12 ... N Williamognon (7) | 10 46 GALACIA 33 R Ainer 5-10-7 ... N Williamognon (7) | 11 UBO WITA MILOVA 20-1 C M Hicks 6-10-7 ... W Micrasson | 5 1 (cross 5-2 Peters 3-1 Hollos Awar 8-4 Frys No Fool, 14-1 Duestan 16-1) | 1 (cross 5-2 Peters 3-1 Hollos Awar 8-4 Frys No Fool, 14-1 Duestan 16-1) | 1 (cross 5-2 Peters 3-1 Hollos Awar 8-4 Frys No Fool, 14-1 Duestan 16-1)

2-1 terrus 5-2 Petra; 3-1 Hollow Away 8-1 Frys. No Fool, 14-1 Duester, 16-1 Bartor Green, Kegathe Squary, Salaba, 25-1 beauts

1.55 SEVERN VALLEY CATERING NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (\$3,126: 2m 41 110yd) (9)

2.25 COUNTRYSIDE COUNTS
NOVICES CHASE (Grade II. \$11,820: 2m 71 110yd) (9)

EDGENTOOR PRINCE Sols a smart rectiff to chasing and can improve

2.55 CARMELA AND JOHNS SILVER WEDDING HAMDICAP HURDLE (£3,345: 2m 4f) (7)

| 112 | 150 - SESAME SEED 258 (D.A.S.) N Henderson 9-11-11... J Waranagh | 112 | 1907 TISCAMY HERMINAY 534 (D.S.) Mis J Porcas B-11-7 ... D Leading | 3 221- THREE FARTHMANS 298 (S.S.) JOH 7-11-1 .... C Lisueding | 3 221- THREE FARTHMANS 298 (S.) JOH 7-11-1 .... C Lisueding | 120 | 151-2 SEYMOURSWIFT 11 (S.) D Gardolo 7-10-10 .... G Upton | 139 | 6 22-5 DRAM BATTLE 15 (F) W 6 IM Tamer 3-10-1 .... R December | 105 | 7 4965 PRUSSA 12 (C.O.) W 6 Cay 5-10-1 .... A Tomore | 118 | 15-8 Three Farthings, 5-2 Seymourswift, 4-1 Tumplation, 7-1 Sessame Seed, 10-1 Drom Battle, Pussa. 14-1 Tuscamy Highway.

3.25 TRAMPS NIGHT CLUB HANDICAP CHASE (£3,678: 2m 7l 110yd) (9) 

3-1 Proofine? 4-1 Fruit Of Bosence, 11-2 Beatson, Sophie May, 13-2 Boo Denant, Big Ben Dan, 10-7 Super Mattl, 12-1 others. Edimbourg pulled up in chase at Warted (3m 1 1100d, good to soft) Bob Devan 11 2nd of 12 to
Trench Hill Lass in handicap chase at Down Royal (2m 4t, good to soft)
Fruit Of Bounce fell in handicap chase at Down Royal (2m 4t, good to
soft) Big Ben Dun beaken a distance lact of 7 to Miss Dostn in
bandicap chase at Wannet (3m 2f, good). Beatson 361 5th of 8 to Maron
Alico in handicap chase at Chellentern (2m 4f 110yd, good). Sognile
May pulled up in novice handicap chase at Newbury (3m, soft) super
Matt 371 8th to Dream Leader in handicap chase at lamiton (3m, good).

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POLICHER, progressive lest season, can make a writing return 3.55 JULIAN LEIGH, REDENHAM PARK STUD NOVICES HURDLE (£2,565: 3m) (14)

NOVICES HURDLE (£2,565: 3m) (14)

1 30-1 DANSER H.YNN 28 (D.6) Mrs P Sty 7-11-4 ... W Marston
2 P-F1 TORCH PERT 10 (V.6) M Prs S-11-4 ... A P McCov
3 323 ABBNGER 8 Miss M Routand 5-10-12 ... P Michaely (6)
4 0P-P ANALOSUE 6 R Ecitoy S-10-12 ... P Michaely (6)
5 70-A ARBANTER 220 J McCommobile 9-10-12 ... D Lestry
5 70-A PARATTER 220 J McCommobile 9-10-12 ... D Lestry
6 FLIP CLOSEEVER BOY 13 M Snoppard 7-10-12 ... B Powell
7 7P-4 CORALETTE 14 S Broukston 7-10-12 Mss H Strockston (7)
8 ENTEC SOMAPRES 5 Brockston 5-10-12 ... S Myrins
10 1-4 RAMBURS SAM 59 (D.5) G Balding 5-10-12 ... J Frock
11 10F SAXON DUKC 17 (S) P Hobs 5-10-12 ... G Toroney
110 11-4 RAMBURS SAM 59 (D.5) G Balding 5-10-12 ... J Frock
11 10F SAXON DUKC 17 (S) P Hobs 5-10-12 ... G Toroney
14 P3-5 FORTYTIMO DEE 9 N Smith 7-10-7 ... L Clevethyr
14 P3-5 FORTYTIMO DEE 9 N Smith 7-10-7 ... M Stormatt
2-1 Toront Ven. 3-1 Danger Pyrrs, 11-2 Rambling Sam, 7-1 Johann-K 8-1 others. 2-1 Torch Vert, 3-1 Danger Plynn, 11-2 Rambling Sam, 7-1 Johnny-K 8-1 others.

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BUNKERIED FIRST TIME: Humbingdon: 1.10 Canary Blue Lingfield Park: 12 05 Damping Feeliner, Magazine Gap 12.35 Good Reputation, Northern Sage, Signed And Seeled, 1.35 Achame 3.05 Illegally Yours, 3.35 Tremplin.

LINGFIELD 12.05 Gold Lance. 12.35 Another Monk. 1.05 Kass Alhawa. 1.35 Running Stag. 2.05 Katil. 2.35 Ornamental. 3.05 Be True. 3.35 Alfahaal. GOING: STANDARD DRAW. 5F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST

12.05 FAUCETS HANDICAP (£2,157: 1m 2l) (14) 

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## Relaxed Villa aim to take defensive route to success

FROM RUSSELL KEMPSON IN BUCHAREST

POVERTY and wealth sit uneasily side by side here in the Romanian capital, with its smart boutiques and potholed roads, its glorious architecture and crumbling apartments. Visitors from the West are warned of pickpockets roaming in gangs and to stay away from the parks and dimly lit streets after dark.

For Aston Villa, though, it is all a welcome respite from the domestic stress that has afflicted them since the FA Carling Premiership started in August. The 2-1 victory against Everton at Villa Park on Saturday — their first league win in five matches — may have eased the discontent back home, but it is only in Europe where Villa have felt able to express their true selves this

When they flew into Bucharest yesterday, over the white-covered rooftops still laden with the last fall of snow, they exuded a relaxed air. The internal squabbles of the past months appeared forgotten, the petty disagreements over. Concentration was levelled solely on the first leg of their Uefa Cup third round tie against Steaua Bucharest this

Brian Little, the Villa manager, still urged caunon. "When the draw was made, a still urged caution. lot of people seemed to be very pleased with it," he said. Having now watched Steaua. I think they are a very good side. They are technically gifted. which you would expect, and they also work hard. It is

going to be tough, very tough." Though not in his nature, Little will be satisfied with a 0-0 draw in the Steaua Stadium — a scoreline that served Villa well in their first legs



### Basingstoke work to model design

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

FOR Ernie Howe, Wycombe Wanderers are the club and the team that he most wants to emulate. They are the model that all non-League clubs should follow, having risen from semi-professional obscurity to the Nationwide League second division, with a new stadium to boot. Tonight, at least, Wycombe are also the

Basingstoke Town, of the tyman League, who held Wycombe to a 2-2 draw at Adams Park in the first round of the FA Cup ten days ago. They meet in the replay in Hampshire this evening.
"I remember when I was

coaching Wokingham for a few years and we played against them at their old ground," Howe, the former Fulham player, said, "They've set the standard since. It's been amazing for them. They are where all non-League sides want to be."

Not that Basingstoke will

ity complex. Howe's players pulled back a two-goal deficit that they should already be preparing for a second-round trip to either Exeter City or Northampton Town.

"I didn't feel we played that badly and I don't think we deserved to be two-nil down, but I think we surprised them way we came back," he "We're really looking forward to the replay. Our ground might be a little bit intimidating for them — v that's what I'm hoping." Slough Town are another

non-League side looking to overcome Nationwide League opposition, in their case Cardiff City. City will be without Glen Crow, who has been recalled from a loan spell by Wolverhampton Wanderers, but Carl Dale will make his first appearance since August. ☐ Vauxhall yesterday announced the end of its record sponsorship of non-League football by confirming that its agreement will finish next

against Bordeaux and Athletic Bilbao in the previous rounds. "Yes, that would suit us." he said. "As long as we go home still thinking we have a good chance, we will have done our

Little has learnt a lot since moving from Leicester City to Villa Park three years ago, the anniversary of which — along with his 44th birthday — he celebrates today. A record of 62 wins and 40 draws in 145 matches, in all competitions,

bears close scrutiny. He also gleaned much, how ver hurtful it was at the time from the defeat against Helsingborgs IF in the first round of the Uefa Cup last season. It was only towards the end of the return leg in Sweden that Villa suddenly realised they were in trouble. When they reacted, it was too late. It was a chastening

With continental confidence now restored and Ian Taylor sion from domestic competition, there is an aura of expectation within. "Our defence is the main reason for our success in Europe," Savo Milosevic, the Villa striker, said. "If we have to drag ten bodies behind the ball, we will. It may not look pretty or exciting but it is very effective.

If we can get past Steaua. I reckon we can go all the way."

A tad premature, perhaps, especially with Gareth Southgate, the captain, absent because of injury and Mark Bosnich, the goalkeeper, on World Cup duty with Australia. Steaua might not be the force of old, when they enjoyed Ceaucescu's dubious patronage and won the European Cup in 1986, but they can still make life uncomfortable for even the most obstinate of

On their way to the last 16, for the first time in 20 years and as the sole British survivors. Villa have earned a number of plus points in the diplomatic department. They left many new-found friends in France and Spain and, vesterday, brought with them a skip of tinned food for the needy of Bucharest, of which there are thousands.

Doug Ellis, the club chairman, has also asked the travelling Villa fans to pack food parcels, which will be collected by British Embassy officials and delivered to Orphanage No 7 — a run-down establishment that caters for 120 boys aged from six to 14. ASTON VILLA (probable 3-4-1-2) M Oakes --- U Ehrogu, S Staunton, R Schneca -- F Nelson, M Draper, 1 Taylor, A Wright ---D Yorks --- S Miloseivic, S Collymore



Taylor is preparing to return after suspension from domestic competition

### Veteran Blake waiting on Jamaica's World Cup call

By Our Sports Staff

NOEL BLAKE, the Exeter City player-coach, is in line to make his international debut for Jamaica in the World Cup finals in France next summer at the age of 36.

Jamaica officials have been

watching Blake closely over the past month after being alerted by Peter Fox, the manager of the club that stands third in the Nationwide League third division. Blake, the former Birming-

ham City and Portsmouth central defender, grew up on the Caribbean island before moving to England and he could provide the experience that amaica's Brazilian coach, René Simoes, is looking for.

Jamaica confirmed their qualification for France with a 0-0 draw against Mexico nine days ago and Fox said: "Nocl's still playing League football and is playing very well. He lived in Jamaica for ten years and I know that they are looking for players. If they are looking for experience, Blake has got a wealth of it. I've only

left him out of one game this Liverpool have extensive season to rest him and we lost Merseyside Police are inves-tigating an incident on Satur-

day in which youths threw a brick through the window of the Barnsley team coach after their 1-0 victory over Liver-pool at Anfield. No one was The attack occurred four miles from the ground, soon after a police escort had left.

John Dennis, the Barnsley chairman, was appalled, but insisted that Liverpool Football Club should not shoulder any of the blame. The consequences of this mindless action could have been far more serious," he said. "We attach no blame to

proper Liverpool fans and the club, who treated us with respect and dignity all through the afternoon." The Football Association will look into the matter after police have completed their inquiry, but it is unlikely that

any action will be taken.

stewarding at Anfield and there was a strong police presence on Saturday, but the incident occurred long after the final whistle, away from supporters who attended the

Paul Ince. the Liverpool midfield player, has been selected to play for Europe against a Rest of the World XI on December 6 in a match to celebrate the draw for the World Cup finals, Ince will be England's only representative in a contest that will draw on the best players across the globe.

The worst fears of Jim Smith, the Derby County manager, were confirmed last night when Jacob Laursen, the Denmark international defender, was ruled out until the new year. Laursen injured medial ligaments in his right knee in the FA Carling Premiership game against Coventry City on Saturday and the results of a scan have revealed torn muscle fibres.

SNOOKER

### **McManus** keeps the underdog at bay

By PHIL YATES

ALAN McMANUS, one of the few established players to have avoided the surfeit of upsets that have swept through the Liverpool Victoria United Kingdom championship, moved closer to the quarter-finals at the Preston Guild Hall yesterday.

The Scot, who, with Stephen Hendry and Ronnie O'Sullivan, is one of three members of the top ten in the world rankings left in the event, led Jason Prince 5-3 when their opening session

McManus, who has reached the semi-finals of the championship on three occa-sions, had much the better of the early exchanges. Breaks of 54, 48, 55 and 53 enabled him point Prince appeared unlikely to challenge him for the right to meet Hendry, the title-

Leading 42-0 in the sixth frame, McManus was poised to increase his lead until he missed a straightforward red to a middle pocket. Prince responded with 61 and even-tually snatched it on the pink, when McManus squandered an opportunity to clear the

Although he lost a disjoint-ed seventh frame, Prince, who overcame Peter Ebdon, the round, finished the afternoon in encouraging fashion and remained in contention by compiling an 81 break — his highest of the session — in the

eighth. Gerard Greene and Gary Ponting, who was responsible for the most unexpected result of this most unpredictable of ternoon on level terms at 4-4 after an opening session in which neither player could

assert his authority.
Greene, 24, from Rainham, who resoundingly defeated Steve Davis 9-2 in the second round, constructed breaks of 60 and 71 in building a 3-1 lead while Ponting, the conqueror of John Higgins at the same

stage, was slow to settle. The inevitable butterflies generated by his first appearance on television for three vears were stilled when Ponting accounted for the fifth frame with an break of 80. He also stole the sixth on the black with a 61 clearance after Greene jawed a simple brown when well ahead.

When the closing two frames of the session were shared, Greene, the world No 62, and Ponting, ranked 24 places below him, were each left requiring five of the remaining nine frames on the resumption in order to secure a debut in the quarter-finals of a ranking tournament

**RUGBY LEAGUE** 

### Leeds offer Murray role of head coach

By Christopher Irvine

LEEDS Rhinos yesterday offered the position of head coach, vacated by Dean Bell last month, to Graham Murray, one of Australia's most widely admired coaches. His arrival at Headingley depends on a final agreement between the Australasian Super League (ASL) and the Australian Rugby League (ARL) for a single, 20-team competition

Murray has agreed personal terms with Leeds, who have applied for a work permit for him. However, the deal will be scrapped if there is no unifica-tion between the rival governing bodies and Murray will remain at Hunter Mariners. who are cast in the role of sacrificial lambs in the event of a settlement to the 212-year dispute in Australia.

The organisations have been close to agreement on a combined Australasian competition before. Leeds are confident that this time a solution can be found and that Murray will be free to take up his new post. "Unfortunately, uncer-tainty surrounding the future of his present club prevents us completing the deal immediately," Gary Hetherington. the Leeds chief executive, said. "Graham fits our bill and is keen to come to England. The ASL have agreed to his release, once the future of Hunt-

er is settled." Even though Hunter, under Murray, reached the world club championship final in their first year, the proximity of the Newcastle Knights, the ARL champions, means that there is no room for both clubs in one competition. The other potential, but remote, stum-bling block to Leeds signing Murray would be if Hunter were relocated.

The announcement ends speculation linking Andy Goodway, the Great Britain coach, to the job and a possible return to Leeds by Ellery Hanley, although any hitch in the compromise in Australia will reawaken interest in several candidates.

Relegation from the Super League, which has accounted in the past two seasons for Workington Town g administration and Oldham Bears being liquidated, has been lifted for the 12 clubs next season, ahead of the expansion to 14 clubs under a franchise system from 1999.

The Rugby Football League (RFL) has also said that new franchise clubs may be protected from relegation for three years. "No one in their right mind would invest money in a new Super League club if they could be relegated after one season," Maurice Lindsay, the RFL chief execu-

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Norwegian ready to assume leading role in Whitbread race

## Frostad sails out of hell in triumph

forgotten BY NORMAN DE MESQUITA AFTER enjoying a goalscoring spree on Saturday, life went back to something approaching normality in the Superleague on Sunday. Greco, of Sheffield Steelers, and Grant Sjerven, of Manchester Storm - kept the opposition scoreless, while Bracknell Bees beat Nottingham Panthers 3-1, which is the sort of scoreline that has become the norm. There was never much to

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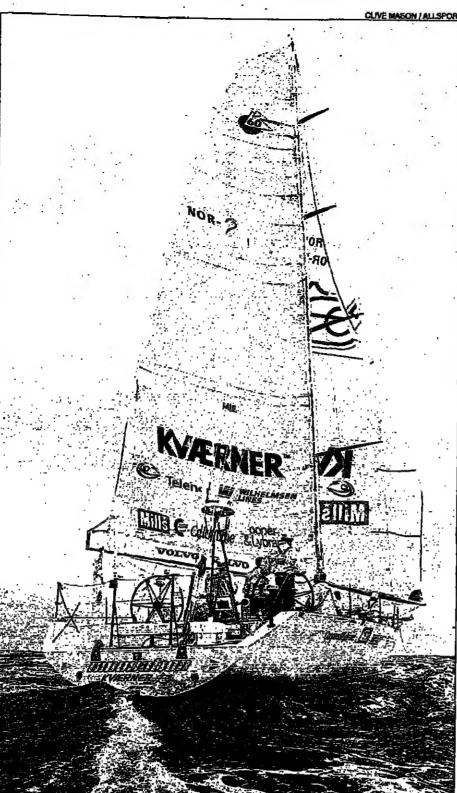
choose between the teams at Bracknell. Jeff Johnstone scored for the Bees in the first period and Blake Knox for the Panthers in the second. Wayde Bucsis restored Bracknell's lead early in the final session and, with Nottingham deploying an extra forward in a late bid for the equaliser, Wayne Crawford shot into an empty net with eight seconds remaining.

It was a weekend of contrasting fortunes for Greco. At Basingstoke on Saturday, he had a shaky first period, lost his composure and was replaced by his back-up for the rest of a game in which the Bison beat the Steelers

On Sunday, he saved all 39 shots that the Cardiff Devils fired at him, while his colleagues scored eight goals to hand the Devils their heaviest defeat of the season.

Sjerven had a far easier evening than Greco in Manchester Storm's 6-0 win. Newcastle Cobras managed only 19 shots on goal and once again showed a lack of discipline. Rob McCaig, making only his second appearance for them, was ejected early in the second period for fighting and, after the 164 minutes in penalties at Not-tingham on Saturday, they racked up 70 on Sunday. They remain rooted to the bottom of the table.

While the Superleague saw a sudden increase in goals this weekend, the British National League, which is usually dominated by highscoring forwards, featured two games on Sunday that were decided by a single goal. Guildford Flames beat Hawks beat Fife Flyers. In both games, the only goal came with less than six minutes remaining.



Innovation Kvaerner sails into Fremantle harbour at the end of the second leg

hey played Bar Out of Hell by Meat Loaf for Knut Frostad's crew, on Innovation Kvaerner, yesterday afternoon as the Norwegian boat reached smartly into the harbour here against an unseasonal grey sky to take second place in the second leg of the Whitbread Round the World

Frostad, the youngest skipper in the race, is thus alone in having compiled two top-three finishes, having come third in Cape Town. He should be confirmed today as the overall leader after two legs, provided Lawrie Smith, of Great Britain, in Silk Cut gets in ahead of Paul Cayard, in EF

Language. Yet Frostad and his crew seemed subdued - perhaps ominously so as far as their rivals are concerned. Success is definitely not going to their heads and the focus on winning is stronger than ever. "It's too close in this race to start feeling comfortable - 1 think everyone has to improve and do well all the way to the end," Frostad said.

A song about getting out of hell was not inappropriate. The crew on Kvaerner had the haunted and exhausted look of men who have sailed on the limits for too long. The Whitbread veterans among them - notably Jim Close, the watch captain, and Marcel van Triest, the navigator had no doubt that this had been the windlest leg of any race they have sailed in.

Close talked of the biggest waves he had ever seen. At one point Kvaerner was driven at almost uncontrollable speed under storm spinnaker for half an hour, when the average wind speed was 57 knots. During that spell there was so much water cascading over the bow that the instrument displays on the mast were unreadable for much of

On another occasion Kvaerner plunged into a wave and buried herself up to 15 feet back from bow. When she recovered the crew discovered the pulpit had been ripped clean off by the impact. Like Silk Cut, the Norwegians almost lost all the sails stored on the weather rail when they, and most of the stanchions they were attached to, were

The big drama, though, was what Frostad believes to have been a collision with a whale eight days ago, when the yacht

Edward Gorman sees the arrival of a rising star in Fremantle

was making about 20 knots in 30 knots of breeze. There is normally a lot of noise and crashing about at those speeds, but this was different. "It felt like dumping the boat on land or crashing a car,"

The impact from the creature, which seemed to have



Frostad: focused

been travelling at right angles to the boat, sheared through three ring frames and seriously weakened the structure of the bow, forcing Frostad to sail a more conservative second half of the leg. Luckily, however, the hull remained intact and comprehensive repairs, which are already

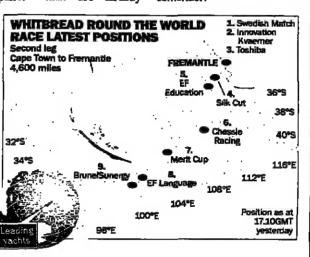
pleted within a week. Kvaerner's consistent performance has much to do with Van Triest's expertise. Along with Andrew Cape on Toshiba, which finished in third place for the leg last night, he is considered to be the best of the present crop of Whitbread navigators.

Early on in this leg, after Swedish Match had already got away. Van Triest made the important call to get south in time to steal second place from Cayard. From then on Kvaerner was never under real threat from those astern

Paul Standbridge, meanwhile, can rightly feel satisfied with a podium placing at the end of his first leg as skipper of Toshiba. In achieving that, he has shown to be exaggerated many of the long list of shortcomings about the campaign enumerated by the boat's outgoing skipper, Chris Dickson, who resigned in Cape Town.

After the sixth place on the first leg. Toshiba remains in sixth place overall here, but she is within two points of Merit Cup in fifth place and only four points behind Swed-ish Match, in fourth.

Standbridge brought in a much happier crew than Dickson docked with in South Africa, while his boat displayed many of the same war wounds as Kvaerner. He feels he can be a serious



POSITIONS (at 17:10 GMT yesterday, with miles to Fremantie), 1, Swedish Melich (Sw. Infished at 15:15 Sunday, 2, Innovator Kvaemer (Mort 9:32 yesterday, 3, Toshba (U 17:00.4, S&). Cut (GB) 10:28.5, ET Language (Swe) 15:4.6, Chasse Facing (US) 359.7, Mert Cup (Moreco) 60:6.7, 8, EF Education (Swe) 7:20.5, 9, Brune/Sunergy (Holl) 835.

### **Canoeists** caught in troubled waters

CANOEING: Members of the Great Britain squad must continue to use the slalom course at the national water sports centre at Holme Pierrepont, near Nottingham, even though the polluted water has given many stomach upsets (John Goodbody writes). A resolution that no selection races should be held at the centre was defeated at the annual general meeting of the slalom committee of the British Canoe Union at the

weekend. However, the representatives of the 100 clubs present voted unanimously that the levels of water pollution should be given to competitors and that the relevant authorities should be asked to improve the standard of water at all slalom courses. The course at Holme Pierrepont was closed on Saturday: the water was polluted.

#### Final venue

RUGBY UNION: The Heineken Cup final will be played at Bordeaux on January 31. Three of the four semi-finalists this season are French clubs. Bath are at home to Pau on December 20 and Brive, the cup-bolders, travel to Toulouse on December 21.

#### Golden shot

**E SHOOTING:** Squadron Leader David Calvert, RAF, competing in the full-bore rifle pairs event at the Commonwealth championships in Malaysia. became the first man to make a maximum score of 50 with ten shots on the new smaller targets, which will be introduced next year. Calvert went on to score a maximum 150 and, with his partner, Martin Millar, of Comber, won the gold

#### Smith triumph

the New York profe beat Rupert Owen-Browne 15-10, 8-15, 15-2, 15-5 to win the Peel, Hunt invitation singles at Queen's

CRICKET: WEST INDIES' WARM-UP MATCH CANCELLED AFTER HOTEL DISPUTE

### Lloyd checks out new itinerary

THE West Indies cricket team, beaten heavily inside four days at Peshawar last week in the first Test of a three-match series, is finding out the hard way about touring life in Pakistan. The three-day match against Habib Bank in Hyderabad, which should have started yesterday, was cancelled after the West Indian party booked out of its hotel, claiming it was substandard.

The touring team travelled to Hyder-abad on Sunday from Karachi, but checked out immediately when Clive Lloyd, the team manager, deemed it unfit. Lloyd, a former International Cricket Council match referee, who abandoned a World Cup semi-final in Calcutta last year between Sri Lanka and India when a riot broke out in the stadium, took the team back to Karachi, where they

remained yesterday.

The West Indians will return by road to Hyderabad today to play a one-day game FROM MICHAEL HENDERSON

IN RAWALPINDI They will then go back to Karachi, 125 miles away, where they will practise tomorrow, travelling on Thursday to Rawalpindi, where the second Test begins on Saturday.

"The hotel was not good enough," Lloyd said, "and with the game being so close to the Test we decided not to take any chances." It means that West Indies go into the last two Tests having had no firstclass cricket since the thumping defeat, by an innings and 19 runs, at Peshawar. The players, already short of form, are now

short of cricket as well. Lloyd informed the Pakistan board of his decision and also notified Steve Camacho, the chief executive of the West Indies Board of Control, before the coach turned round. Hyderahad would not be the first choice of venue for the team as it regroups before the Test series resumes. It

has none of the creature comforts — if that is the right phrase — of other cities in Pakistan and its choice of hotels is limited. The Pakistan authorities were surprised by Lloyd's decision. Although the

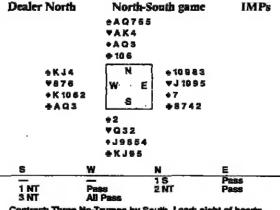
West Indies manager understood that his team was booked into the Indus Hotel, adjacent to the Niaz Stadium, local officials said that the plans had changed six weeks before the start of the tour because the Indus failed to guarantee sufficient space and the match clashed with a convention there.

The Pakistan Cricket Board was informed of the plan," Yar Mohammad Salongi, president of the Hyderabad Cricket Association, said, "and the home board conveyed this message to their West Indies counterparts. West Indies did not have any grounds to complain, as they had agreed to a change in accommoda-tion." He pointed out that the India team stayed at the Indus for a one-day

## SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent

This hand won the award for the best defended hand in the 1997 World Junior Teams. Morton Madsen was West: he was playing for Denmark, who won the event.



Contract: Three No-Trumps by North-South were playing a Madsen contributed the five-card major system in which the One No-Trump

response could be somewhat weaker than in Acol. Hence North's raise to Two No-Trump showed 18-19 points. allowing South to bid game. Madsen passed the first test when he led the eight of hearts rather than a diamond; South took it in dummy and tried the ace of diamonds, then the queen of diamonds. Madsen ducked, his second good play. With the bad split revealed declarer switched to clubs. and ran the ten. Madsen made his third fine play by ducking this trick: he won the club continuation with the queen to

press on with hearts. South won in hand to lead his spade towards the ace-queen.

jack, and discarded the king of spades under the ace. If he had not made this play declarer could have cashed dummy's third heart and exited with a spade, forcing West to concede the ninth trick. But as it was East was able to win the third round of spades, and the defence had three more winners to take.

Note that if Madsen takes the second round of diamonds or the first round of clubs it gives declarer the extra entry to hand that he needs to establish and cash two club tricks. That would have been enough for his contract.

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.



#### By Philip Howard

a. An organ stop

**MICHIGANDER** a. A small male goose

b. A person from Michigan

a. A cherry b. A cleft in a glacier c. A chief DULCIANA a. A prostitute b. Honey and cream c. An organ stop

MORENA

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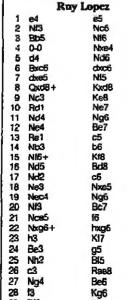


BY RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

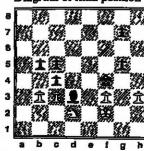
### Patient victory

The young Hungarian Peter Leko achieved prominence when he broke the world record for becoming the youngest ever grandmaster (al-though he has since been overtaken by Etienne Bacrot. of France). Young players are sometimes impatient and in this game from the Hungarian championship the ultimate victor exploits this factor to win a long endgame.

White: Peter Leko Black: Zoltan Almasi Hungarian championship, Budapest 1997



Rhe8 Bb3 Rxe7 Re2 axb6 Bc4 Bc4 Be7 I5 Rxe1 Bd3 Bd6 KI6 Bg3 Bc7 c4 Kx15 e5 gab6 Re6 Bg3 Sd6 Bg3 Re8 Re1 g4 gd5 kt2 Bxl4 b3 b5 Diagram of final position



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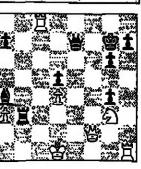
#### WINNING MOVE

#### By Raymond Keene

White to play. From the game Speelman - Ree, Lone Pine

White is a rook up, but he is in trouble as Black is threatening a number of checks with his rook on b3. How did Speelman save himself from this predicament?

Solution on page 50



### Stewart eager to promote school ties

THE huge cranes towering over Lord's in the November gloom, as the new grandstand takes shape, were a sign of the times. The easy-going image of English cricket was out; the concept of a modern game thrusting towards the 21st century was in.

Over at the Nursery End, in the bright new offices of the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB), Micky Stewart, the director of coaching and excellence, was handing over his torch to Hugh Morris. who is succeeding him as technical director.

He did it by announcing the publication of two new coaching manuals, aimed specifically at primary and secondary schools, and outlining his vision of the game designed to raise the standard of English cricket from bottom to top. He linked the iniative at the grassroots to the national coaching scheme. the proposed introduction of premier leagues, the England age-group sides and the full Test team.

Stewart, who is retiring at the age of 65, began by demolishing a couple of myths. "People say that Pat Gibson hears the ECB plans to improve English cricket at all levels

youngsters do not play cricket is dead in schools," he cricket. That is rubbish as

said, "but that is complete and utter rubbish. In the past five years, more schools have been playing cricket than there were in the previous five years. It is now played in 70 per cent of primary schools and 68 per cent of secondary schools.

"People also think that



then down six pints of bitter," Stewart said. Long may that aspect of it continue, but we must now have a structure that allows us to compete equally and successfully all the way to the highest levels of the game. It is not sufficient just to play; the object must be to win

standard of cricket has never matched the level of participation and that is what he has been trying to address since he gave up the England manager's job five years ago. The traditional image is of a game to be enjoyed by 22 people who go out on to the village green, have strawberries and cream for tea and

well. Never in the history of

the game have so many

The problem, as Stewart

has long contended, is that the

they do now."

sters played cricket as

cricket matches at all levels."

First things first, however:

Bob Carter, Graham Saville, John Abrahams, Tim Boon and Paul Farbrace. The first manual, Time to Play, is designed to introduce youngsters to the game at primary school. "I had not realised." Stewart said. "that

85 in every 100 primary school

teachers are ladies, so they

have to feel as comfortable

teaching cricket as they might

do teaching rounders."

hence the coaching manuals produced by the ECB's nat-

ional coaches, Gordon Lord,

The second, Cricket Coach's Manual, is intended to be useful to physical education teachers who may have very little knowledge of the game, yet still be flexible enough for those who know a lot. "It's been a real eyeopener to me to see the amount of time, effort and enthusiasm that's gone into these publications from all the coaches," Morris said. "We have got a vibrant game at school level, despite what

help to carry that forward."

**CLARABELLA** 

b. A beautiful woman c. A pansy people think, and they will

Richard Peel, the controller of communications for BBC News, is to be the ECB's new director of corporate affairs. | c. A stochastic process

RUGBY UNION

## Sanderson sets out to confirm potential

By David Hands, Rugby correspondent

THERE will be some young men grown old before their time after the three southernhemisphere teams have left Britain next month. Two 20-year-olds, Matt Perry and Andy Long, have already tasted the international game and another. Patrick Sanderson. will play against the New Zealanders for the English Rugby Partnership XV at Ashton Gate this evening.

Sanderson, who has cemented a place in Sale's back row this season, is the older of two rugby-playing brothers developing fast under the eye of John Mitchell, now the England assistant coach. It is his second season with Sale after leaving Kirkham Grammar School and, at 6ft 4in and lost, his is a formidable presence on the open-side flank.

With him will be the considerable experience of Tim Rodber and Chris Sheasby in a

#### TEAMS

PIGLISH RUGBY PARTNERSHIP XV: T Rimpson (Nevocarie): J Bertilay Newcastie): J Bertilay Newcastie, N Greenstock (Massa), M Milen (Northampton) S Brown (Richmond). 3 Butiand (Barth) M Wood (Massa), K fales (Barth M Regan (Bath), P Victory Gibucester), R Fidler (Gloucester), D Sime Gaucester), R Fidler (Richtempton, cap-arr), P Sanderson (Salo), C Sinessby Wasps) Reptacements. P Grayon Northampton), S Benton (Gloucester), R Minters (Bedond), J Worsley (Wasps), V Jaogu (Bath) A Long (Bath) NEW ZEALANDERS: T Miler; T Umarga, J Stanley S McLeod, G Obtome, C Sparker, J Preston M Allen, A Oliver C Barrel, C Rechertan, M Coaktoy, T Blackadder (captar), M Carter, A Hopa, Replace-ments: A Jerema, W Little, M Robinson, S Sundey, G Staller, N Hawiti Reterier, R Davies (Wales)

team including seven full internationals, of whom Rodber, Tim Stimpson, John Bentley and Mark Regan toured with the British Isles in the summer. There are marked distinctions, though, between this XV and the Emerging England side roasted 59-22 a week ago, significantly a youthful wards, where Phil Vickery and Rob Fidler have earned places.

That alone may be some comfort to the New Zealand management, which has expressed disappointment with England's selection policy for the midweek games. Changes have been rung - only five of this team appeared at Huddersfield - and there is a sensible core of West Country beef in the pack, which should ensure an enthusiastic reception from an expected crowd of around 20,000 in Bristol. The return of Stimpson is

LONGINES'

L'ELEGANCE DU TEMPS DEPUIS 1832

injury should prove an aid to the recovery that David Alred, the England kicking coach. believes Catt will make. "I think that Mike found himself caught up with the emotion of what was an amazing day at Old Trafford," Alred said. "His goalkicking

particularly apposite in the wake of England's goal-

kicking failure in the senior

international against New

Zealand last Saturday. Mike

Catt had a dreadful day with

the boot and the fact that

Stimpson has recovered from

and punting seemed a little bit tight in terms of flow and smoothness, but his execution of the restarts was great. Overall, I think Mike will

Stimpson was the Lions' leading points-scorer in South Africa but his match fitness may be found wanting tonight against the All Blacks' midweek XV, which also scored 50 points against Wales A. There is a thunderous pursuit of the place alongside Frank Bunce in midfield, held at the moment by Alama Teremia. Scott McLeod now has his chance

alongside Jeremy Stanley. Jon Preston starts a game at scrum half for the first time on tour and there is optimism in the New Zealand camp that Zinzan Brooke, who damaged an Achilles tendon against England, may yet be fit to play against Wales at Wem-bley on Saturday. Though sentimentality has little to do with All Black selections, Brooke needs two more games to record 100 appearances in New Zealand colours before he retires at the end of this

The aim of this match is to look at players before selecting the official England A team to play New Zealand at Leicester next week," Richard Hill, the wearing his hat as the Gloucester director of rugby, will also watch the displays of his three tights forwards, of whom Vickery, 21, the tighthead prop from Barnstaple. turns the scales at just under

There is also an unexpected call-up for Spencer Brown, the former Marines musician now playing an effective tune on the wing for Richmond. Brown, 24, may find Tana Umaga more of a handful than he is used to in the Allied Dunbar Premiership.

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Os du Randt takes centre stage during the South Africans' training session yesterday

### South Africa keep faith with record performers

moured South Africa squad enjoyed the first run-out of their brief visit to Great Britain at the Honourable Artillery Company ground in London yesterday. Successive victories over France and a confident new management team have helped to banish the blues of their domestic season, when they lost a series to the British Isles and struggled — like everyone else — to match New Zealand, in the tri-nations tournament

No team had scored 50 points against France until the Springboks did so in Paris last Saturday and, however hard Nick Mallett, the South Africa coach, tried to play it there is no dis the pleasure that he and his players take from turning their country's fortunes amund.

With one exception, the same XV will play England at Twickenham on Saturday and even the exception has experience of that ground. Andrew Aitken, 29, comes late to international rugby: at 25, he won a Blue for Oxford University against Cambridge at Twickenham (and flirted with Scotland that same season): last year, he opted to play rugby league in

Conquest VHP

PERPETUAL CALENDAR.

WATER RESISTANT TO

**David Hands** finds the world champions in confident mood Australia, but returned to Western Province and helped them to win the Currie Cup

Paris and will now start an international for the first Erasmus took a blow to the selection when South Africa conclude their tour against Scotland at Murrayfield on December 6.

this year. The new manage-

ment drafted him into the tour

party, he came on as a

replacement flanker for the

injured Rassie Erasmus in

When a side performs as it did on Saturday, it doesn't make selection too difficult," Mallett, who succeeded Carel du Plessis as coach two months ago, said. "I thought we had the potential to play the rugby we did lagainst France, but I was surprised that it happened so quickly." Mallett insisted that French

early lead with a 70-metre interception; contrary to some of his predecessors, he makes no expansive claims about South Africa's place in the global rankings. "I don't think we can be too critical of anyone at the moment," he said. "We are trying to find a playing platform and get back to a position where we can defend our World Cup

Mallett has concentrated on success in the internationals and South African policy in future may be to send parallel parties on tour, one of which would play only international matches, the other would play provincial teams and provide and when required. They are due to play all four home unions next season, by which time their formidable reputation may well have restored some of its lustre.

SOME Of its Justice.

SOUTH AFRICA: P.C. Monigomery (Western Province); J.T. Snael (Western Province); A.H. Snymen (Northern Transveal); D. J. Mulr (Western Province); H. W. Honibad (Nata), W. Swamepoel (Free State); J. P. du Randt (Free State); J. D. du Randt (Free State); J. D. du Randt (Nata), A.D. Althern (Western Province); A.G. Vertern (Free State); D. H. Teichtmann (Nata), captain); Replacements; J. Swart (Western Province); J. H. de Beer (Free State); D. van Zyl (Nipumalanga); R. B. Stdorstad (Western Province); W. Mayer (Free State); A.E. Drotske (Free State)

#### heads dropped when South Africa scored one try after 48 Steele stands firm on unlucky sevens squad

of rugby at London Scottish. has defended his club's decision not to make players available for the Scotland squad for the Dubai Sevens tournament next week.

\*Our history of releasing players for international duty is second to none." Steele said yesterday. "We have always taken the view that we will make players available to play international rugby, but the Scottish Rugby Union can prioritise as it wants - we have to prioritise for our employees and look at how our investors and shareholders see things. At this stage of the year, sevens is not as

important as league matches." Dougle Morgan, the Scotland sevens manager, had already registered his disap-

ty of Derrick Lee and Simon Holmes for the trip. "I would have liked to think we could have expected more, particularly considering that it is London Scottish." he said. adding that there are no Allied **Dunbar Premiership matches** being played on the weekend

m question. Morgan's party has also been affected by the international against South Africa, at Murrayfield on December 6, and will be further depleted if Duncan Hodge continues to be part of the national squad's plans. The sevens players leave for Dubai on Sunday.

SCOTLAND SEVENS SOUAD: G Burns (Valconans, captain; G Allchison (Kelso) A Common (Gasqore Hawks, G Bloodenit Subing Col D Hodge (Watsonans), C Mether (Watsonans), M Monoriell (Met-rops), C Murnsy (Hawed), S Nichol (Morrose), N Penny (Watsonans)

#### WORD-WATCHING Answers from page 49

(a) An organ stop with flute quality of tone. A metal or wood stop of 8-foot length and pitch. Nearly the same as the hobiffice and keraulophon. From the Latin clarus bright and bellus beautiful. No definitive classification of organ stops is possible. New names are sometimes invented by organ-builders. And the older names vary in their significance with different periods, different countries, and different individual builders

MICHIGANDER

(b) A native or inhabitant of the State of Michigan, on the Great Lakes of North America. Abraham Lincoln, 1848: "I mean the military tail you Democrats are now engaged in dovetailing on to the MORENA

(c) The historical title given to a chief in Lesotho; hence a respectful form of address. The native name. "You meet a man on the road; he may simply say 'Lumela. Morena' (Good morning, Chief), and to this

DULCIANA (c) An organ stop with diapason quality of tone. In Britain a small-scaled, soft open metal diapason. The most generally useful soft stop on the organ. Usually of 8-foot length and pitch, but sometimes of 4-foot or 16-foot. In the United States the dulciana belongs to the string

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#### TELEVISION CHOICE

## Slavery's black secret

BBC2, 9.00pm

Jonathan Lewis's film will come as a shock to those brought up on the traditional view that seiling Africans into slavery was an outrage perpetrated solely by the white man. Between the 16th and 19th centuries around 12 million Africans crossed the Adantic. But, the film asks, as Europeans never ventured into the African interior, how did the slaves fall into their hands? The answer is that the Africans ran their own slave trade and had done so long before the Europeans arrived. Chief Nana Kwame Nkyi, head of a warrior tribe, tells how his ancestors raided villages and sold slaves for rum, sugar and banarias. African-Americans crossing the Atlantic to trace their roots are appalled to discover that slavery was as much a black institution as it was a white one.

#### Cutting Edge: An Englishman and His Horse Channel 4, 9.00pm

In what is claimed to be a television first, the cameras are allowed behind the scenes of the Jockey Club which is responsible for enforcing discipline in horse racing. The film's director, Riete Oord, has a clear agenda. She wants to show how traditional the whole business is. Club rules are enforced by racecourse stewards, upper-crust chaps (and sometimes chapesses) with plummy accents who do the job for nothing in their spare time. Names such as Sieff and Hambro emphasise time. Names such as stert and riamoto emphasise the pedigree. Jockeys accused of misusing the whip or interfering with other horses are hauled in like naughty schoolboys before the head. It is a master-servant relationship of almost feudal quality, and the irony is that this ritual depends on the latest video technology. But nobody says that the system does not work.

Back to the Floor: Crawling About BBC2, 9.50pm

The latest boss to discover what life is like at the biggest pest control company. It has arrived in Britain, aiming to dominate the market. Cottee has been charged with doubling the size of the business. But Terminex is struggling to keep its staff. A quarter of the pest controllers left last year



Joanna goes East (BBCl, 10.30pm)

and Cottee wants to know why. His education begins on a council estate in South London. A day spent killing cockroaches opens Cottee's eyes to the squalid conditions in which his staff work, not tomention the stress of demanding schedules and angry customers. It soon becomes clear that Cottee is not cut out to be a pest controller. Meanwhile, the defections go on and he and his managers are compelled to realise how valuable their workforce is to the success of the company. is to the success of the company.

#### loanna Lumley in the Kingdom of the Thunder. BBC1, 10.00pm

Joanna Lumley retraces a journey made by her grandparents in the 1930s to the Kingdom of Bhutan, in the Himalayas between India and China. The purpose of the original trip was diplomatic, to invest the King of Bhutan with a British gong. Lumley's follow-up is partly to satisfy her curiosity and partly to provide a diverting 75 minutes. She plays things straighter than in her desert island documentary and only occasionally do we get flashes of Lumley in Absolutely Fabulous guise. But the trek through mountain passes and jungle sees enough mishaps and extremes of temperature to stave off boredom, while yielding surprises such as the Bhutanese fondness for bingo. Home movie footage from the 1931 expedition shows that Bhutan has not changed expedition shows that Bhutan has not changed much.

Peter Waymark

#### RADIO CHOICE

File on 4

Radio 4, 7.20pm

Random Edition

The third series of a programme that has been one The third series of a programme that has been one of the more surprising radio successes, given that it has much the same genesis as On This Day. However, Random Edition, instead of taking a day from the past and reporting hard news, uses as its base a newspaper issue chosen at random in order to portray ordinary life of the time. The range of dates is from 1728 to 1963. Peter Snow is the presenter and today's opening programme uses The Universal Speciator and Weekly Journal for October 26, 1728. Some of the items have Monty Python overtones, including advice on coping with a dead parrot and how to deal with a wife who a dead parrot and how to deal with a wife who becomes addicted to gambling. Given the year, it's hard to blame Camelot.

6.30am Kevin Greening and Zoë Bell 9.00 Simon Meyo 12.00 Jo Whitey. Includes 12.30pm Newsbest 2.00 Mark Radollife 4.00 Dave Peerce 6.15 Newsbest 6.30 Evening Session with Steve Lamecq 8.30 Digital Update 8.40 Mystery Presenter. A special stand-in for John Peel 10.30 Mery Anne Hobbe 1.00em Citive Warren 4.00 Chris Moyles.

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6.00am Alex Lester 7.30 Wales Up to Wogen 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Jimmy Young 1.30pm Debbie Thrower 3.00 Ed Stewart 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Richard Stigon's Classical Gia 9.00 Ngel Opden 9.00 Ticking the Nories. Featuring Ronnie Barker, Joseph Cooper and Fats Waller 9.30 J Take Thea 10.30

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#### TALK RADIO

8.30am Paul Ross and Carol McGiffer 9.00 Scott Chisholm 12.00 Lorraine Kelly 2.00pm Tommy Boyd 4.00 Pater Deeley 7.00 Anna Raeburn 9.00 James Whale 1.00am Ian Collins

In any given week this programme is often the best on radio for bringing to the fore issues that rarely make the mainstream news. Tonight's programme examines the alarming growth of tacit racial segregation in British schools. This is not a segregation imposed by the authorities but by black parents and children themselves. A recent survey showed that 32 per cent of tensors from black formilies.

that 38 per cent of teenagers from black families prefer to attend an all-black school. Places are hard

to get at private schools provided exclusively for black children and many parents are sending their

children to boarding schools abroad. Mark Whittaker reports on whether these developments mean the schools system has failed to cover the

6,00mm Newedey 6,30 Europe Today 7,00 News 7,15 Off the Sheft: The Hendmeld's Tale 7,30 Options 8,00 News 8,10 Pause for Thought 8,15 Concert Hall 9,00 News; News in German (648 only) 9,06 World Business Report 9,15 The Deal with Druge 9,30 Literature File: The Mill on the Floss 9,45 Sports Roundup 10,00 Newedesk 10,30 On Screen 11,00 Newsdesk 11,30 Wirst Do Christians Belleve? 12,00 News 12,05 pm World Business Report 12,15 Exten Today 12,30 Health Matters 12,45 Sports Roundup 1,00 Newshour 2,00 News 2,05 Gutfook 2,30 Multitrack Hit List 3,00 News, News 1,00 News 2,05 Sports Roundup 1,00 News 2,05 Sports Roundup 2,16 Westway 3,30 News 2,05 Sports Roundup 3,16 Westway 3,30 News German (678:ontly) 3:565 Sports Foundup 3:15 Westwey 3:30
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#### CLASSIC FM

6,00em Alan Marin. Includes Morning Merch and Breakfast Baroque 9,00 Henry Kelly, includes The Classic Mesterpiece and a recipe for vegetable curry 1,00pm Listener Request Hour With Jane Jones 2,00 Concerto. Viveldi (Four Seasons) 3,00 Jamie Crick 7,00 Newsoight. Arts issues and news updates, with John Bruming 7,30 Sonets. Zelente (Sonete No 3 in B flat) 8,00 Evening Concert. Bloch (Concerto Grosen No 1); Avro Pert (Centus in Mestrorism Benjamin Britten); Britten (Variations on a Theme of Frank Bridge); Respigni (Three Botticelli Pictures); Shostalovich (Chember Symphony) 10,00 Michael Mappin 2,00em Concerto. Ractivnianinov (Plano Concerto No 2 in C minor) (f) 3,00 Mark Griffiths

6.00am On Air, with Andrew McGregor. Byrd (Peccari Super Numerum); Ireland (Phantasie Trio in A minor); Ketelby (In a Monastery Garden); Chopin (Fantaisse-Impromptiu in C sharp minor); Weber

minori; Ketelby (in a Monastery Gerden); Chopin (Fantaise-Impromptu in C sharp manor); Weber (Overture Oberon)

9.00 Morning Cotlection, with Peter Hobday, Liszt (Grand Studies after Paganini Nos 4-6); Vaughan Williams (Towards the Unknown Region); Brahms (Hungarian Dances Nos 2 and 5); Part (Festine Lente); Poutenc (Suite Les Biches)

10.00 Musical Encountars, with Mary Miller. Mendelssohn (Altdsuchtsches; Fruhlingslied); Musgrave (Orteo II); Daniele Gasparini (Through the Looking Glass), Schumann (Multerhaum; Der Soldat; Der Spielman); Schubert (Symphony No 10 in D); Edward McGure (Hornage to Rodrigo); Schubert (Lied eines Schittlers an die Dioskuren; Der Zumenden Diana)

12.00 Composer of the Weeld Massenet
1.00pm The Radfo 3 Lunchtime Concert. Stravinsky Plus. Vacfimir Ovothrikov, piano, Scriation (Sonata No 3 in F sharp minori); Rachmaninov (Sonata No 2 in B flat manor, onginal version); Stravinsky (Russian Dance, Perushka)

2.00 The BBC Orchestras, BBC Symphony Orchestra under Jin Belohlavek and Andrew Davis. Kethryn Stott, piano, Dmith Sitrovetsky, violin. Rossini (Overure William Tell); Lizzt (Pano Concerto No 1 in E flat); Shostakovich (Violin Concerto No 1; Symphony No 15)

4.00 Volcas In

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4.00 Voices Iri
4.45 Music Machine. Verty Sharp tours Liverpool in

search of the Mersey Beet

5.00 In Turne. Sean Ratienty talks to the composer
Michael Torke in New York

7.45 Performace on 3: Parts, City of Light. Live from
the Queen's Hall. Edinburgh, a recital by the
soprano Felicity Loft, who is joined by the planks!
Jonathan Hinden. Schubert (Gott im Frühling;
Ertalsee; Des Mädchens Klage; An den Mond;
Frühlingsglaube); Strauss (Das Rosenbend; Ich
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Goldener Fulle: Waldseligkeit; Kling) 8.25 Brilliamt
Creatures. Benjamin Ivry considers the
extraordinary home of Isabetta Stewert Gardner in
Boston 8.45 Concert, part two. Chabrier (L'ille
Heureuse; Chansons pour Jeanne; Lied;
Romance de l'Etolie; Toutes les Fleurs); Barber
(Sure on this Striving Night; Promiscutty; The
Monk and His Cat; A Nun Takes the Veit; Solksry;
I Hear an Army)

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I Hear an Army)

9.45 Designs for Living (Sounding the Century).

Susan Maring travels to the USA to see Frank
Lloyd Wright's tamous house Fallingwater

10.10 The BBC Orchestras. BBC National Orchestra of
Wales under Richard Hickox, Howard Shelley,
piano. Tippett (Piano Concerto)

10.45 Night Waves. Music, love and yellow stockings
are on the agenda tonight as Shakespeare's most
popular comedy. Twellth Night, opens the RSC's
new season at Stratiord

11.30 Composer of the Week: Strauss (7)

12.30am Jazz Notes, with Digby Fanweather

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1.00 Through the Night, with Donald Macleod

5.55am (LW) Shipping Forecast 6.00 Naws Briefing 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today 8.40 Vesterday in Parliament 8.58 Weather 9.00 News 9.05 Call Ed Stourton

10.00 (FM) Mean Times Australia: Front Line
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later, almost 100 Abongines were dead, their
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10.00 (LW) Daily Service
10.15 (LW) On This Day, with Geoffrey Wheeler
10.30 Women's Hour, with Jenn Murray
11.30 Medicine Now. New senes in which Geoff Watts
reports on the health of medical care
12.00 News; You and Yours, with Margaret Collins
12.25pm Random Edition. See Choice (1/6) 12.55
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1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke
1.40 The Archers (n 1.95 Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Thirty Minute Theather Getting On, by
Addhan Madden. A middle-aged Dubin Dechelor
struggles to cope with the recent death of his
lather. Staming Barry McGovern
2.30 Mirrored in Mustic, Andrew Green talks to
Swedish soprano Elisabeth Soderstrom (4/6)
3.00 News; The Afternoon Shift, with Daire Brehan
4.00 News; 4.05 Kaletdoscope. Paul Vaughan
considers the breadth of the composer Prokofiev's
work, from fin music to symphomies. Plus,
reviews of Walter Mosley's new short stories

4.45 Short Story: Father and Son, by W.A. Harbinson. A young boy tries to come to terms with having to visit his mother's grave for

the first time

5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather
6.09 Sk C'Clock News
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7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 File on 4. See Choice
8.00 Science New, with Peter Evans (r)
8.30 The Network Alun Lews presents the series that guides you through the information age
9.00 in Touch, with Peter White
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9.00 the World Tonight, with Isabel Histon
10.45 Book at Bedtime: Another Time, Another Place Jessie Kesson's account of an Aberdeenshire farm which takes on foreign workers in 1944 Abridged by Brian McCabe, reed by Viold Masson (2/10)
11.00 (LW) Today in Parliament

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11.30 (FM) Sentimental Journey. Janet Street Porter extols the virtues of the Corresh landscape and introduces Arbur Sman to a community of local artist, including Patrick Hearn (2/6) (r)

12.00 News 12.30am The Late Books Bright Lights, Big Chip. Jay McInerney 's classic tale of 1990s hedonism — Markhatten style. Read by Chris Eigenan (750 (r)

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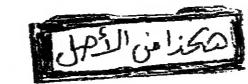
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10.00 The Beest 11.55 Satisfaction

Vanity fare no longer a female prerogative Tow that even men crave a chests. I did it once, for purely face so smooth that it has professional purposes (No! profesfewer flaws than a bungasional as in journalistic, not as in low, beauty is no longer just a Chippendales). If you want to get a female obsession. Until recently, a flavour of just how much chestman's bathroom cabinet contained waxing hurts, try this experiment four razor blades, a shirt-collar at home manacle yourself to a wall, superglue Desert Orchid's stiffener for scooping our earway. and some Tippex correction fluid rump to your chest and then shout

> So, given men's vanity, why was last night's Trade Secrets (BBC2). containing tips from beauty therapists, aimed exclusively at women? A few of the tips were unisex, such as: "Never throw away your old tea pads. Keep them in the fridge and use them as eye pads when your eyes are tired or really puffy. So was the home-made skin-toner. made by blending tomatoes, cucumber and vodka, but most men: would probably want to taste it to make sure that they had got the proportions right. Applying mashed chickpeas to your face sounded too high a price to pay for

giddy-up". That's how much.

ingrowing hairs, although I might remember to polish my nails with smoker's toothpaste if they ever become that dirty (how do women get their nails so filthy?).

As for the tip about making your lipstick last longer by "layering it with tale", it explained why men who have embraced moisturisers, toners and depilation have steered clear of lipstick. I think men would need a 13-part series devoted just to lipstick-applying to get the hang of even the basics of lip-puckering and pressing-together. "Layering it with tale" would require a

But the reason why men haven't gone the whole hog, vanity-wise, came in the programme's final tip of tips: "Avoid tea, coffee, avoid hot spicy foods, avoid alcohol, avoid tight clothing. So really, avoid everything that you enjoy." Men, because of their genetic make-up,

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are forced to eat curries and drink alcohol, especially on any day that

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happens to end with the letter 'y". But male vanity is not altogether new: 18th-century dandies put dowdy English women to shame, and until puritan Victorians came tut-tutning along, every English gentleman would sooner go hungry than skimp on his supplies of powder puffs, rouge, curling irons, oils, creams and eyebrow

blackeners. Nowadays, men who still nurse such cravings find a useful outlet in pantomime. We saw them all in their pancake and powdered wigs in Pantoland, a new four-part. Channel 4 series that is lifting the curtain on the only bunch of actors who regard it a professional success to be booed off the stage by 500 excited eightyear-olds. "Behind you!" is as close

to "Bravo!" as they get. Shows such as Cinderella, Snow White and Mother Goose provide work every winter to a changing constellation of young actors and dancers, although the stars remain much the same: Danny La Rue, Matthew Kelly. John Inman, and Tony Blair's estranged brother, Lionel - his perma-grin making him ever-prepared for those unexpected photographers who presumably pester panto stars. Lionel Blair is a man who is always saying cheese. And, for the most

sort of panto mogul, puts on 20 productions a year, having spent most of the summer cajoling people such as La Rue to spend his winter in Sheffield: Danny, to his credit, didn't crease up his face in horror - maybe for fear of cracking his foundation. But he implored Paul: "Next year, please God, maybe Southampton." It's a business that turns over £8 million annually. A lot is at stake, so rehearsal schedules are punishing.

Te saw Lionel, without using his hands, rehears-V V ing a mesmerising sequence from Snow White in which he manocuvres a large purple balloon down Inman's chest, under Inman's legs, and then up Inman's back. It's very possible that Blair is one of the few men in Britain supple enough to do this. He is almost certainly the only person who would want to.

Although fascinating, Equinox When Pigs Ruled The World (Channel 4) was also confusing. The beasts who roamed across the globe 250 million years ago, and who were recreated here using Jurassic Park-style animatronic technology, were proto-mammals called lystrosaurs. They weren't pigs at all. They didn't look anything like pigs. They were roughly the size of pigs and "they eked out a pig-like existence, anything they could find". So why the title? Because, according to Sara Ramsden, who was the commissioning editor at Channel 4: "We're up against tough competition in our new Monday slot. Anything that makes our programmes more accessible can only be a good thing."

So look out for tonight's Channel 4 weather forecast: it's the show in the TV listings that's called "A close-up of Isabelle Adjani,

for crucial last-minute office

chores, such as whitening a

stained shirt collar. Grooming was

But nowadays the same men

who once spent Saturday after-

noons buying power drills go to try

the latest banana-and-guava moisturiser in Body Shop instead. To look back on it, it is very possible that the British male's

famous stiff upper lip has always

owed less to sang-froid than to

insufficient applications of

moisturiser: maybe the British

Empire was built on nothing more

Many men now even wax their

intrepid than dry skin.

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6.00am Business Breakfast (90458) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (1) (95816) 9.00 Good Living How to create Teletubbyland, an Advent calendar and perfect meringues (5342090)

9.25 Style Challenge (5361125) 9.50 Kilroy (T) (1229057) 10.30 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (I) (7919089) 10.55 The Really Useful Show (T) (7656729) 11.35 Change That (2657390) 12..00 News (T) (6039361)

12.05pm Call My Bluff (5410859) 12.35 Give Us A Clue (2055458) 1.00 One O'Clock News (I) and weather 1.30 Regional News (84179670)

1.40 The Weather Show (59637835) 1.45 Neighbours (97419800) 2.10 Snoother: UK Championship Fourth-round action from Preston (6551895)

3.30 Playdays (8900293) 3.50 Arthur (8911309) 4.15 Fudge (1713570) 4.35 it'll Never Work (1526293) 5.00 Newsround (1) (5267816) 5.10 Byker, Grove (T) (9118816)

5.35 Neighbours (r) (1) (130632) 6,00 Sbx O'Clock News (T):(767) 6.30 Regional News (449)

7.00 Holiday Jili Dando motors in Artzona; Zoe Ball samples waterspoots in Corfu; Monty Don visits a dog-triendly hotel in Worcestershire; Senkha Guha takes a family trip to Sicily; and John Holdsworth is in Jersey (T) (3651) 7.30 EastEnders (T) (903)

8.00 Mysteries with Carol Vordennen A recovery from cancer that defled medical 13th really is unlucky (T) (9699)

8.30 A Question of Sport Guests are England detender Stuart Pearce, golfer Lee Westwood, rugby union star Neil-Jenkins and England cricketer Graham Thorpe (1) (\$106) 9.00 Nine O'Clock News Followed by

Regional News and weather (4748) Margaret agree to pet-sit for a friend (r) (78564) WALES: 9.30 Week in, Week Out (78584) 10.00 One Foot in the Grave (55125) 10.30 Joanna Lumley in the Kingdom of the Thunder Dragon (8123835) 11.45 FILM: Same Time, Next Year (1978) (772038) 1.40mm News (9093626) 1.45 BBC News 24

Josepha Lumley in the Kingdom of the Thunder Dragon The actress and her cousin, nicknamed Maybe, go on a pilgrimage to Bhutan (T) (4744835) 11.20 Same Time, Next Year (1978)

Bittersweet drame adapted from the Broedway smesh with Alan Alda and Ellen Burstyn playing an adulterous couple who fall in love on holiday, and carry on their affair for 25 years, meeting for only one week a year of flicit passion. Directed by Robert Mulfigan (791903) WALES: FAW invitational Quo 12.20am-2.20 Film: Same Time Next Year

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SKY SPORTS 1

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7:30 FA Cup First Round Raplay — Live (\$541564) 10.00 NHL (7257361) 12:00 V-Max (8507930) 12:30am FA Cup (4071959) 2:00 Sports Centre (1852297) 2:30 Close

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#### BBC2

6.00em Arts: The Leathart Collection (44757) 8.30 Nathan the Wise (66816) 7.00 See Hear Breakfast News (T and signing) (5266057)

7.15 Teletubles (r) (4640800) 7.40 The Perils of Peneiope Pitstop (r) (2097841) 8.05 Blue Peter (r) (1) (2712670) 8.25 Cakle Doke (r) (9290583) 8.35 Rupert (r) (4375564) 8.45 The Record (9370019) 9.10 Practising Bellet (7692057) 9.25 See You, See Me (2957274) 9.45 Numbertime (4267748) 10.00 Teletubbles (80496) 10.30 Wetch (4866467) 10.45 Science Zone (2179816) 11.05 Space Ark (8006038) 11.15 Megamaths (T) (1384651) 11.35 History File (4467372)

12.00 See Hear (r) (T) (52038) 12.30pm Working Lunch (89670) 1.00 Fiddley Foodle Bird (r) (58260318) 1.10 The History Hour from Richmond (6100632) 2.10 Going, Going, Gone (62270583) 2.40 News (3112632)

2.45 Westminster Special with David Dimbieby Gordon Brown, the Chancellor, outlines his strategy for the aconomy (T) (604816)

4.45 Snooker: UK Championship Fourth-round coverage (1419583) 6.00 Heartbreak High (991477)

6.45 Snooker: UK Championship Round-up of today's action (123309) -7.30 From the Edge Reports on Issues affecting disabled people (545) 8.00 Top Gear Rully Report Final day highlights (4011)

8.30 Food and Drink An unusual twist on the traditional Christmas lunch: Jilly Goolden and Oz Clarke sample wines under £4



Chief Nana Kwane Nityi XII (9.00pm)

the often-Ignored black involvement in slavery. Chief Nana Kwene Nkvi XII denies his ancestors had any invoviement in the evil trade (T) (686944) Back to the Floor: Crawling About Company boss Peter

Cottee returns to the front line of pest control (T) (340019)

10.20 Best Friends Two primary school pals tell the story of their camamiderie (T)

10.30 Newsnight (T) (401212) 11.15 Snocker: UK Championship Highlights of the final best-of-17 fourth-round metches (736670)

11.35 Weather (259361)
12.00 The Midnight Hour (1701442)
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12.30 Learning Zone: The Making of Germaine Greer (5348336) 12.35 Great Civilisations (9783607) 1.00 Seville: The Edge of Empire (54539) 1.30 Seville: The Edge of Empire (54539) 1.30 Seville: Gateway to the Indies (60688) 2.00 Schools: Business Studies (47997) 4.00 Languages: Deutsch Plus 5-8 (90249) 5.00 Career Moves — Conservation (41713) (41713)

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6.00mm GWTV (4814380) 9.25 Supermarket Sweep (T) (5347545) 9.55 Regional News (6864274) 10.00 The Time, the Place (77922) 10.30 This Morning (48140019)

12.20pm Regional News (6035545) 12.30 News (T) and weather (2084583) 12.55 Shortland Street (2069274) 1.25 Home and Away (1) (59234877) 1.50 The Rockford Files (5338800) 2.50 Vanessa: You Can't Many My Daughter (1)

3.20 News (T) (8712293)

3.25 Regional News (1) (8711584)
3.30 The Riddlers (3636212) 3.40 Wizadora (1925584) 3.50 The Adventures of Paddington Bear (1921748) 4.00 Zzzapl (9781458) 4.15 Hey Arnold! (T) (9713390) 4.40 The Ward (T) (9672293) 5.10 WALES: Don't Try This At Home, IGds!

5.10 Relative Knowledge (9670767) 5.40 News (T) and weather (306748) 6.00 Home and Away (r) (T) (157835) 6.25 Regional Weather (476534)

6.30 Regional News (T) (187) 7.00 Emmerdale Zak takes up busking to earn money for Christmas; Tony and Emma come to an understanding (T) 7.30 WALES: Your Century: Barry Weish history over the last century and into the next millenium (699)

7,30 Take 3 (699) 8.00 The Bill Boulton puts pressure on a young couple in the hope of producing a result (1) (4767)

8.30 The Cook Report (T) (3274)



Nealon and Moshesh (9.00pm)

9.00 Soldier, SoldierChain of Com Forsythe (Ben Nealon) suffers an explosive reunion with his former wife, Lillan (Nithanti Moshesh) (T) (6458) 10.00 News (T) and weather (40293)

10.30 Regional News and weather (885380) 10.40 Savage Earth: Restless Planet A look at earthquakes, drawing together astonishing stories of heroism and survival from Mexico to Japan. Narrated

by lan Holm (1) (976941) 11.40 WALES: Highlander (193941) 11.40 Brief Encounters (1) (220699) 12.10am Movie Show Special (5817572) 12.35 Planet Mirth (7753930)

1.05 Late and Loud (6530997) 2.05 The Chart Show (r) (7698210) 3.00 Football Extra (r) (4876591)

3.50 World of Sailing (r) (56318046) 4.20 Sound Bltes (40244152) 4.35 The Time, the Place (r) (93375220) 5.00 Heirloom (r) (40602)

5.20 News (91997)

### CENTRAL

As HTV West except: 12.55-1.25 A Country Practice (2069274) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (9670767) 6.25-7.00 Central News (431670) 7.30-8.00 The Tuesday Special (699) 11.40 Highlander (384941)

12.45am Collins and Maconie's Movie Club (6519404) 1.20 Real Stories of the Highway Patrol (2444065)

1.40 War of the Worlds (5690404) 2.30 The Paul Ross Show (9491442) 3,55 Central Job/finder '97 (5699256) 5.20 Asian Eye (9949688)

#### WESTCOUNTRY

As HTV West except: 12.20pm-12.30 Illuminations (6035545) 12.55 Home and Away (7063835) 1,20-1,50 Emmerdale (79163835) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (9670767) 6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (68187) 7.30-8.00 Blooming Marvellous: On the

11.40 Highlander (193941)

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7.30-8.00 Out to Lunch with Brien Turner 11.40 First Take (220699)

#### 12.10em Short Story Cinema (5817572) SIC Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (11854)

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10.00 Brookside (717125) 10.35 Frasier (302106) 11.05 Film: Peoping Tom (422381) 1.00am-2.00 Streets of Fire (80539)

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7,00 The Big Breakfast (11854) 9.00 Schools: Science In Focus (T) (5262800) 9.22 Lost Animals (1708274) 9.30 Eureka! (T) (4257361) 9.45 Stop, Look, Listen (T) (4257361) 10.00 TVM (T) (891101) 10.25 How We Used to Live (D) (326808) 10.45 Ouest (D) (426800) (T) (9266908) 10.45 Quest (T) (4206800)

11.00 First Edition (3184038) 11.15 Stage One (7) (3167361) 11.30 Powerhouse Political magazine (1) (1651) 12.00 Sesame Street (47106) 12.30pm Light Lunch (84854) 1.30 The Living Sea: Killers of the Deep (r) (1) (80309)

2.00 Racing from Huntingdon and Worcester Live coverage of the Worcester Live coverage of the 2.10, 2.40, 3.10 and 3.40 from Huntingdon and the 2.25 from Worcester (6699)

4.00 Fifteen-to-One (T) (800) 4.30 Countdown (T) (1510632) 4.55 Rick Lake (T) (9367187) 5.30 Pet Rescue (T) (564) show (477)

6.30 Roseanne At a family Thanksgiving dinner, peace breaks out (r) (T) (729) 7.00 Channel 4 News (T) (554800)

7.55 Get Sorted How to give yourself a home haircut (945632) 8.00 Deals on Wheels Advice on buying a second-hand car (1) (3/6) (2309)

8.30 Brookside How far will Barry go to get his money? Will Lindsay take Jackle's



9.00 Cutting Edge: The Englishmen and His Horse A look at the secretive and select world of the Jockey Club stewards who count Viscount Head, David Sieff and Richard Hambro among their number. Last in series (T) (4800)

10.00 Underworld Comedy drama serial staming James Fleet and Susan Wooldridge, William and Susan seek protection from Middlemass (T) (4/6) 2457309)

11.05 Rory Bremner — Who Else? (r) (T)

and Paul LeMai star in this comedy about a small American town inhabited by CB fanatics. Directed by Jonathan Demme

1.30am Late Night Ricki Lake: The Cops Stop Me For No Reason at All (r) (T) (5601510) 2.15 The Bureau FBI agents who investigated

America's Communist Party speak out (2/4) (r) (T) (498355) 3.15 Tribal Cops (r) 85) 3.45 Photo Romans (r) (T) (T) (88065) (44707125) 4.00 Schools. Geographical Eye Over Britain

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6.00am 5 News Early (2389361) 7,30 Milkshakel (4042903) 7,35 Stickin' Around (6443854) 8,00 Hevekezoo (r)

8,30 WideWorld How the Internet and computers in general can be used to advance learning (3/5) (8695800)

9.00 Espresso (2331106) 10.00 Exclusive (r) (8438458) 10.30 Period Rooms (r) (T) (9241944) 11.00 Lesza (7086212) 11.50 Double Espresso (94260212) 12.00 The Bold

and the Beautiful (T) (\$546336) 12-30pm Family Atfairs (r) (T) (8273545) 1.00 5 News Update (47149011) 1.05 Sunset Seach (1) (3062019) 2.00 5's Company

(8439187) 3.00 The Baron and the Kid (1984) with Johnny Cash and Greg Webb. A made-tor-television drama about a former pool professional whose career has been destroyed by his addiction to alcohol. During an attempt to dry out he meets a young hustler who turns out to be his son. Directed by Gary Nelson (58341835)

4.50 100 Per Cent (19755380)



Sandra Huggett as Holly (5.20pm)

5,20 Family Affairs Holly is upset by Chris's remarks (T) (68024106)

5.50 Exclusive A special programme focusing on Sylvester Stallone (8632019) 6,00 5 News (T) (3417380)

6.30 Uefa Cup Football — Live The third round, first-leg game in Hungary between Steaua Bucharest and Aston Villa. Kick-off is at 6.45 (44667835)

NB: Subsequent programmes may run late 8.50 Pointmen (1994) with Jack Scalia and Bruce A Young. A thriller about a Wall Street accountant who is framed and sent to prison for a crime he did not commit. revenge on those responsible. Directed

by Robert Ellis Miller (64824477) 10.40 Bring Me the Head of Light Entertainment Cornedy (r) (6848274)

11.10 The Jack Docherty Show Comedy and chat (4042941) 11.55 Prisoner: Cell Block H (8560922)

12.55am Live and Dangerous Sports maga-zine. Includes, at 1.50, motor sport from around the world and 3.45 tootball from the Latin American leagues (8845816) 4.35 The Streets of San Francisco Police drama series (7086881)

5.30 100 Per Cent (r) (2249171)

#### SATELLITE AND CABLE

Susan Sarandon offers support to Sean Penn (Screen 2, 10.00pm)

My Two Wives (30406583) 7.30 Our House (5578200) 8.00 Desmond's (30482903 8.30 Women with Bells (30401036) 5.90 Share On, Harvey Moon (65175187) 10.00 The Price (89178274) 11.00 St Eksenhare (84143496) 12.00 Let the Blood Run Free (15542152) 12.30mm Tales of the Unex-

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TROUBLE

BRAVO 8.00pm The A-Team (5/14545) 8.00 Tour of Duty (6/16509) 10.00 Red Shoe Diaries (9639570) 10.45 FILM: Resulto: First Blood — Part 11 (1985) (44400545) 12.35mm Lesie Nejson's Unbalanced World — Short (7/11602) 12.45 Tour of Duty (6/13500) 1.45 Red Shoe Deartes (3013666) 2.30 FILM: Resultor First Blood — Part 11 (1965) (588387) 4.25 also Nejson's Limbalenced World — Short

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7.00pm Grace Under Fre (7651) 7.30 Roseanne (6086) 8.00 Ellen (3699) 8.30 Cybil (2106) 9.00 Cheers (560651) 9.25 Doppelcarger (26125) 9.30 Tao (1816) 10.00 Fracer (50537) 10.30 The Kenny Everett Show (81187) 11.00 Festival of Fun (\$02670) 11.25 Doppelganger (495941) 11.30 Ellen (\$2036) 12.00 Roseenne 149572) 12.30am Nighestend (33423) 1.00 Soep (41369) 1.30 Taxi (12486) 2.00

Fire (46220) 3,00 Frasier (86775) 3,30 The Renny Everati Show (37572) 4,00 Close THE SCI-FI CHANNEL

8.00pm Sightings (4226835) 9.00 Dark Slung (4248699) 10.00 Allen Autonay Fact 8.00pm Sightings (4228359) 8.00 Lean-Stare (428689) 10.00 Alen Autopay Fact or Fiction? (4218458) 11.00 Friday the 13th (2531835) 12.00 Sightings (621878) 1.00em The Twight Zone (620688) 1.30 Tales of the Unexpected (7172649) 2.00 Dark Shadows (1687220) 2.20 New Allied Historick (1606355) 3.00 Finday the 13th (7318959) 4.00 Close

8,00am The Joy of Parning (8700564) 9.30 Gerden Club (9730622) 10.00 The Great Garderang Ptol (9055380) 10.30 New Yorkson Workshop (8706748) 11.30 Homelmes (1421922) 12.00 Wheel Natz (8617800) 12.30pm This Old House (9741038) 1.00 Yan Can Cook (4903670) 1.30 Doing it Up (9740308) 2.00 The Furniture Guys (9967477) 2.30 Room for Improvement (761583) 3.00 Two's Country (9999212) 3.30 Home Again (7540800) 4.80 Close DISCOVERY

4.00pm The Diceman (7832838) 4.30 Roadshow (7838019) 5.00 Tressure Hunt-ers (9378729) 8.30 Beyond 2000 (7852699) 6.00 Wild Decovery The Platyous—a Culet Survivor (9726729) 7.00 Arthur C Clarice's Mysterious Universe (6981293) 7,30 Disaster (7639749) 8.00 Discover Megazine (6152019) 9.00 Reging Planet (6165583) 10.00 Discovery Signature' Ship-(616865) 1140 Underwater Cops wreck (6168670) 11.00 Underwater Cops (4997019) 12.00 Fightime (3412249) 12.30em Rosachow (5178425) 1.00 Deaster (6826084) 1.30 Beyond 2000 (2516396) 2.00 Close

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

7.00pm Wild Italy: Home of the libex (7048038) 7.30 Play: The Nature of the Game (5702816) 8.00 Land of the Tiger (3318564) 9.00 Braving Alaska (3225800) (331836) \$3.00 primming Assists (3223000) 10,000 Volga. The Soul of Russia (3308187) 11,000 Inveders in Paradise (4951019) 12,000 Wild bely Home of the Book (3009055) 12,30 pain Pay The Nature of the Game (6022846) 1,000 Close

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4,00pm D-Day: The Total Story (7277125) 5,00 Clvri Wer Journal (2273106) 6,00 Ancient Mystenes (7988598) 7,00 Biogra-phy: Captain Bilgh (2163583) 8,00 Close

12.00cm Food Network Delty 12.30 Alive and Cooking 1.00 Food for Thought 1.30 Ario's Italian Job 2.00 Rustie's Real Cooks 2.30 Food Network Delty 3.00 Antony's Scotland 3.30 Grahm Kerr's Kirchen 4.00 For Better, for Worse 4.30 Frances Baseli's West Country Kitchen 5.00 Close LIVING

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SKY MOVIES GOLD 4.00pm The Rains Came (1939) (194293) 8.00 Santa Claus: The Mottle (1984) (2327632) 8.00-films to Pive (1980) (2339477) 10.00 The Beast (1989) (9230749) 11.55 Satisfaction (1989)



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**TUESDAY NOVEMBER 25 1997** 

Scot fights back to share lead in RAC Rally after day of high drama in Welsh forests

## McRae's nerve survives dawn test

BY ALAN LEE

IN THE treacherous minutes before a fogbound dawn yesterday, Colin McRae drove blind into a ditch in Mid Wales. A year of planning and a week of high expectation looked to have suffered a jarring, disillusioning end: the motor rallying world championship was surely beyond recall. McRae, however, acknowledges neither fear nor logic and he spent the rest of a dramatic day scorning such

conventional thinking.

Having dropped from first to eighth while his Subaru, still relatively intact, regained the road. McRae untered a few curses and a significant pledge. "It's flat out all the way now," he promised his team and they knew better than to doubt him. The redoubtable Scot relish-

es adversity. Despite his breakfast-time setback, he also loves the forest stages that examine every nerve and instinct of his breed. In the next four stages, to Cardigan Bay and back, he was devastating-ly quick, rebuilding his challenge for this Network Q RAC Rally and, more importantly. for the world championship.

McRae finished the penultimate day sharing the overall lead with his fellow Briton, Richard Burns. From there, he will widely be expected to win. Equally pertinent today, however, will be the health and whereabouts of the championship leader, Tommi Makinen. He is sixth overnight and, if he stays there, he will deprive McRae of the crown.

As Makinen, still suffering from a heavy cold and forcing himself to drive for safety more than glory, has a cushion of 73 seconds over Piero Liatti in seventh, he is in no immediate danger. Nothing, however, is predetermined in this sport of spectacular risk. as the roller-coaster events yesterday amply confirmed.

Two stages were abandoned because of serious accidents. though in each case after the leaders had completed: a spectator broke a leg trying to jump a wall: and the organisers' sweeper car, that follows the final contestant, rolled off the road in Hafren, both of its occupants being

McRae, in a Subaru Imprezza, presses on in the ethereal half-light of stage 13 of the Network Q RAC Rally in the Hafren Forest, Mid Wales, yesterday. Photograph: Laurence Griffiths/Allsport

taken to hospital with minor

There was also a significant technical diversion, with both the Mitsubishi cars, driven by Burns and Makinen, sustaining time penalties for being late out of the Dolgellau service area, after running repairs. Burns was docked ten seconds, a bonus for McRae, and Makinen's 20-second penalty may yet be costly.

The tone and tensions of the day, though, were established on a bleak mountainside in

Radnorshire just 7.30am. Anyone who has experienced the black terror of driving too fast in fog may have nightmares about the Driving a stage first is.

theoretically, the event lea er's privilege. In pre-dawn fog, it is much more of a penance. McRae, with no scope for caution, paid the price. "I couldn't see a thing," he said. "I drove off a straight piece of road. It's a terrible start — it shouldn't happen. Railies should be decided by who drives the fastest, not by the

weather." Spurred on by anger, or desperation. McRae's revival was rapid. Burns, who led McRae by 79 seconds after the

Radnor stage, saw that advantage cut by 28, 14, ten and 13 seconds in the next four drives. After his brush with the stewards at Dolgellau, Burns was a mere four seconds ahead.

STAGE 12 (11.6 miles) 1. R. Burns (CB), Mileubish Camarnal Smar 28soc; 2. B They (Bel, Ford Escorg at 17ser; 3. A. McRae (CB), Volkswagen Colf), 18. 4, C. Sarre (Sp. Ford Escorg), 22. 9, M. Higgare, KB. Nessen Armera, 25. 6, A. Vatanen (Fri. Ford Escorg), 25. 7, P. Leatin (R. Subaru Impress), 37; 8, R. Head (GB, Renault Megare), 22. 9, T. Malanen (Fri., Milessish Lamoor), 37; 10, G. Everis (CB, Seat foza), 41sec, STAGE 13 (24.5 miles), 1. C. McRae (GB, Subaru Impress), 27m; 54sec; 2. Burns at 28sec, organ 2. Sarry and J. Kanklumen (Fri. Ford Escorg), 32. 5; 1/3 Gentrolm (Sine, Toyota Corolla), 1mn 07sor; 7, Malanen (Fr. Toyota Corolla), 1mn 07sor; 7, Malanen 124; 8 G at Messus (Bd, Ford Escor); 32. 9, Usati 154; 10 Vistanen 155.

Doubtless, Burns

aware that most of his countrymen in the vast and intriguing spectator subculture of event were behind McRae. Yet, at 26, he could become only the third Briton to win the RAC event since it

STAGE 14 (9.75 miles): 1, C McRee 8:45; 2, Sanz at 07sec, 3, Burns 14, 4, Kankkunen 15, 5, Aunol 23; 6, Maloren 26; 7, Trity 27; 8, Lusto 36; 9 Ce Mevius 41, 10, Valanen 43.

STAGE 18 (14.8 miles): 1. C McRae 14:11; 2. Burns at 10sec; 3, Sainz 12; 4, Kantidunen 15; 5, Auriol 22; 6, Gronholm 35; 7 Thry 38; 8, Listo 39; 9, Maisnen 42; 10, De Mayuuz 50

10, De Internation of STAGE 16 (9.3 miles): 1, C McRae 8.35; 2, Burns at 13sec; ocupil 3, Samz and Kanidaunen 14; 5, Aunol 21, 6, Gronholm 26; 7, Makmen 28; 8, Thry 32; 9, Liahl 33, 10, De Mevaus 37

STAGE 17 (18 mēcs): 1, Kankkunen 18 45: 2, Burns at Uisec; 3, C McRae 00; 4, Sanz 25, 5, Gronholm 28, 6, Makmen 34, 7, De

took world championship status 25 years ago. He could also inherits McRae's profile in years to come.

His morning drive in Radnor was startlingly good and

DETAILS FROM SECOND DAY

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STAGE 18 (10.9 miles), 1, C McRae 10.43;
2, Burns 15sac; 3, Kanldourian 18; 4,
Gronhotm 28; 5, Lasti 40; 6, Makinen 42; 7,
De Mevius 43; 8, K Holosectyc (Pol. Subrau Impreza) 57; 9, A McRae 1 min 3sec; 10,
Serry at 104

OVERALL POSITIONS: Equal 1, C McRae and Burns 2hr 13min 43sec; 3, Kankumsen at 1min 15sec; 4, Sant; 145, 5, Grontoth 3 40; 6, Maldrien 3 59; 7, Latti 5;12; 8, De Mevas 5 59; 9, Vatamen 9:38, 10, Holowoyc 10:17

THEPD DAY: Cheltenham-Pheal-Chelten-

to forest driving - it's brown. darker brown and then hard. avoid the hard, brown things. The most severe incident occ-

of the day. "Visibility was

down to ten metres in places."

he said. "At times like this,

there are no sharp definitions

urred on stage 13 at Haften, resulting in John Leckie and his co-driver, Graham Lewis. lying motionless in their wrecked vehicle. The stage was stopped and Lewis, who sustained chest and back injuries, was airlifted to Aberystwyth hospital.

On days such as this, the safety provisions of the event are fully examined. The rally is followed by 60 special

ambulances with cutting gear and 12 fire tenders. There are also 50 doctors attached, quite apart from the 11,000 volunteer marshals: It is a staggering undertaking but, for the perils of the Welsh forests in

McRae, who was arguably fortunate to escape with body and car unscathed yesterday, will hope to have no freed of such emergency facilities to-day. The strength of his recovery, however, has a legacy he would have been happier to delegate. This morning, he must once again set off first, this time at 7.06am, into the virgin rally territory above Mountain Ash. if his dream survives until daylight, there

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ACROSS

Exhibition tent: sur house (5) 9 Throw away (7)

10 Prisoner restraints: domes-11 Surety for prisoner (4)

12 Not exceptional (7) (Supply) be exhausted (3.3)

21 Grand dance (4) 24 Felled tree remains (5) Sewer's finger guard (7)

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26 Twisted fibres: set of eg pearls (4) 27 Limit edge (8)

quietly (4) Prospect, eg down avenue (5)

Severe trial (6) Dull green; a 'pear' (7) 7 Has an idea; possible crimi-

8 Extensive (4) 13 Anti-glare light fitting (8) 15 All-suits-equal (contract) (2,5)

17 Central Italian: school of Raphael (7) 18 Type of penguin: got one? 20 Stare with mouth open (4)

22 Star sign, Sep/Oct (5) 23 Pronounce untrue (4) ACROSS: 1 Slat 3 Mammoth 8 Ontario 9 Creed 10 Tipsy 11 Liaison 13 Denigrate 17 In/sight 19 Chute 20 Kaana 22 Lineage 23 Transit 24 Fell

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CROSSWORD ENTHUSIASTS - SPECIAL OFFER:

### Adams agrees to sign for Sussex

By Our Sports Staff

become the highest paid English player in county cricket when he signs a three-year contract with Sussex and becomes the club's new captain. Adams, 27, the former Derbyshire batsman, has negutiated with several counties

since the England and Wales Cricket Board agreed he could be downgraded to a list two player but ordered a two-week "cooling off" before he made

Despite fierce opposition from Kent and Nottingham-shire, Adams decided to join Sussex after agreeing a deal which will earn him an esti-mated £200,000. It ends a stormy relationship with Derbyshire, who agreed to his release at the end

of last summer after Adams had been treated as a virtual outcast by the other players for siding with Dean Jones, the former captain, in the aftermath of his stormy departure. Adams has also been handed the opportunity to take on greater responsibility as cap-

tain in succession to Peter Moores, who will fill the newly-created role of playercoach next season.

Tony Pigott, the Sussex chief executive, said: "Chris is possibly the best batsman in the country not to have played for England. It's great that he wants to come and join us in our present situation. He is explosive in the one-day game but he can aiso play a long innings in the championship, and he is one of the best slip fielders in the country as well." Michael Bevan, the Austra-

lin batsman, whom Sussex

signed as their overseas player

ed vice-captain. The pair should bring stability to a batting line-up that performed poorly last season. Sussex failed to pass 200 in 12 of their 31 championship innings and lost eight of their last ten matches to finish bottom of the Britannic Assurance county championship and the AXA

Life League. Sussex also confirmed an interest in signing James Bovill, the fast bowler released by Hampshire. Bovill. 26, was



Adams: lucrative deal

restricted to just nine firstclass matches last season by a spinal injury that seemed likely to end his career. Pigott said: "We are seeking

medical reports. There are

processes to go through and I

don't expect a decision before the new year." Bovill said: The fracture has healed and there is no problem now. Sussex have heen very positive and Dave Gilbert [the director of cricket] says the problem may have been caused by a fault in my action which he can help to

### Fulham pull out of Coleman deal

By MATT DICKINSON

IF NOTHING else, Fulham's attempt to spend £2.1 million on Chris Coleman, of Blackburn Rovers, has proved one thing: Kevin Keegan, the chief operations officer, was serious when he talked about leading them into the FA Carling Premiership.

The Nationwide League second division club was disappointed yesterday when its attempt to lure the Wales defender was foiled by the player's wage demands. Coleman, a long way down the queue for a starting place at Ewood Park, was prepared to countenance the drop from a club lying second in the Premiership to Craven Cottage, but he wanted to be well rewarded for it.

Fulham, who had agreed the fee with Blackburn, were willing to break the transfer record for a second-division player, but they balked at shattering their own, rapidly increasing wage structure. Instead, they are likely to sign another Welshman. Paul Trollope, of Derby County, for £600,000. The 25-year-old has played for Grimsby Town and

Crystal Palace on loan. It is Fulham's failed bid for Coleman, however, that will cause a stir in the Nationwide League. Ray Wilkins. the manager, has already spent more than £2.5 million, including £1.1 million on Paul Peschisolido, the striker who is the division's most expensive recruit and who has scored five goals in seven games. Paul Bracewell has been signed from Sunderland, lan Selley from Arsenal and

Across London, Joe

Maik Taylor from Southamp-

Kinnear's position as the Wimbledon manager has become a surprising topic for speculation after Egil Olsen, the Norway coach, was invited to Selhurst Park last Saturday. Olsen watched Wimbledon's defeat against Manchester United as guest of the club's managing director, Bjorn Rune Gjelsten, and the fact that Olsen will step down as the Norway coach after the World Cup finals next sum-

mer, combined with his close Relaxed Villa Blake waits . Model design links with Wimbledon's new

Scandinavian owners, yesterday provoked Kinnear to demand assurances about his

Olsen, who is being sought by several clubs, including Marseilles, was quick to stress vesterday that he has no intention of joining Wimbledon and that he was simply making one of his regular scouting trips to England. He also said that he had spoken to the club's new Norwegian signing. Staale Solbakken. after the game,
"If I got an offer to come to

England I would consider it, but I'm not thinking about that just now." Olsen said. "I have a job with the Norwegian FA and I will be going to the World Cup as Norway coach. I will be leaving the Norway job after the World Cup. My ambition then is to live a quieter life and become a bit more anonymous than I am now. But I will stay in MORSE

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